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ARCHIBALD STEWART, now  
DOUGLAS of DOUGLAS, Esquire,

As HEIR of PROVISION

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ARCHIBALD Duke of DOUGLAS,  
his Uncle,

9th SEPTEMBER, 1761.

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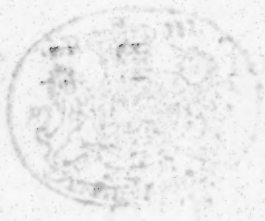
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# C O U R T

## O F T H E

SERVICE of the BRIEVE for serving of ARCHIBALD STEWART, now DOUGLAS of DOUGLAS, Esquire, only Son on life, procreate of the marriage betwixt Sir John Stewart of Grantully, Baronet, and the deceased Lady Jane Douglas, only daughter of the deceased James Marquis of Douglas, and sister-german of Archibald Duke of Douglas, heir of line, tailzie, and provision, to the said Archibald Duke of Douglas, his uncle, HOLDEN within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon the 11th day of August 1761 years, by Francis Gibb, Walter Colvill, and William Marshall, three of the four ordinary Macers before the Lords of Council and Session, as Sheriffs in that part of the sherrifdom of Edinburgh, specially constitute, by virtue of a commission granted to the said four ordinary Macers, or any two of them, conjunctly, under the testimony of the Seal, appointed, in pursuance of the treaty of Union, between Scotland and England, to be made use of within Scotland, in place of the Great Seal thereof, and under the subscription of John Russell, Depute-director of the Chancery, containing dispensation anent the place and time of vacance, dated the 7th day of August, 1761 years.

### CURIA LEGITIMA AFFIRMATA.

**T**HE WHICH DAY compeared in judgment Charles Livingston, writer in Edinburgh, as doer for Archibald Stewart, now Douglas, above designed, and presented to the said macers the foresaid commission, and their acceptance thereof, and desired them to proceed in the administration of their said office, and to make choice of members of court, needful for serving the first

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court



- A** court thereof, in the said matter; whereupon, and after reading and publishing the said commission, the said macers elected and choosed Charles Brown, writer to his Majesty's Signet, in clerk, James Simpson and John Macqueen, in officers, and John Bruce, in dempster, for the first court of the said service, who, being solemnly sworn, made faith, that they should execute their respective offices faithfully, ay and until they were legally prohibited and discharged, and caused the said officer fence
- B** the said court. Thereafter, there was produced before the saids judges, the brieves, which by the said commission were ordained to be raised, proclaimed, enquired, and retoured, and after reading thereof, the said Charles Livingston desired the saids macers to proceed further to the execution of their said office, and make choice of members needful for serving in the second and remainder courts, to be holden in the said matter, by virtue of the said commission; conform whereunto, the
- C** saids macers, as sheriffs in that part aforesaid, elected Charles Brown, writer to his Majesty's Signet, and notary-public, in clerk, and the said James Simpson and John Macqueen, in officers, and John Bruce, in dempster, for the second and remainder courts, to be holden in the said matter, by virtue of the said commission, while the final decision of the said brieve, who being also sworn, made faith *de fidei administratione*, as said is, and took their places. Then the saids macers, judges fore-
- D** said, affixed and set the day of the said service, to be within the Parliament or new Session House of Edinburgh, upon the 8th day of September next to come, in the hour of cause, for serving the said brieve, and the said Archibald Stewart, now Douglas, nearest and lawful heir of line, tailzie, and provision, to the said Archibald Duke of Douglas, and ordained the said James Simpson, officer of the said second court, lawfully to proclaim the said brieve at the market-cross of Edinburgh, head-burgh
- E** of the sherifffdom thereof, and that upon one or other of the ordinary market-days of the said head-burgh, and in time of open market, and in presence of famous witnesss, to be served within the said Parliament or new Session House of Edinburgh, the said 8th day of September next, in the hour of cause, and to observe the whole tenor of the act of Parliament, made anent serving of brieves, conform to a precept to be granted by the judges to him thereanent, in all points. As also, the
- F** saids macers, as judges foresaid, granted warrant for letters of diligence, at the said Archibald Stewart, now Douglas, his instance, for proving his propinquity to the said Archibald Duke of Douglas, his uncle, to be reported against the said 8th day of September next, and to be issued accordingly under the hand of the said Charles Brown, their clerk of court. Thereafter, all having, or pretending to have interest, were warned to attend, at the day and place foresaid, to be then again held,
- G** and the matter proceeded in, conform to the said commission and brieve;



brieve, in all points. Whereupon, and upon all and sundry the premisses, A the said Charles Livingston, in name of the said Archibald Stewart-Douglas, asked acts of court, and took instruments severally thereon, in the hands of the clerk thereof.

COURT of the service of the foresaid brieve, holden within the Parliament or New Session House of Edin-B  
burgh, upon the 8th day of September 1761 years, be-  
fore Francis Gibb and William Marshall, two of the four  
ordinary Macers before the Lords of Session, as Sheriffs  
in that part of the sherriffdom of Edinburgh, specially  
constitute by the commission above narrated, and also be-  
fore the Right Honourable the Lords, C

Assessors appointed to the said  
Macers, by the deliverance after mentioned.

THE WHICH DAY compeared in judgment Mr. James Burnet advo-D  
cate, as procurator for the said Archibald Stewart, now Douglas, and  
his tutors, and produced, in presence of the saids judges, an commission  
directed to the said macers, or any two of them conjunctly, as sheriffs in  
that part of the sherriffdom of Edinburgh, for serving of the said  
Archibald Stewart, now Douglas, heir of line, tailzie, and provision to  
the said Archibald Duke of Douglas, his uncle, under the great seal,  
dated the 7th of August last, with their acceptance on the back thereof. E  
ITEM, the brieve directed upon the said commission, and the said judges  
their precept, for executing the said brieve, and summoning the in-  
quest, with the executions thereof, indorsed thereon. ITEM, an extract  
of an act and remit, whereby the Lords of Council and Session, upon  
the petition of George-James Duke of Hamilton and Brandon, &c. and  
his tutors, did, upon the 8th of August last, nominate and appoint the  
Lords Barjarg, Prestongrange, Edgefield, Coalston, Alemoor, and Elli-F  
ock, or any two of them, to be assessors to the macers, in the general  
and special services of the said Duke of Hamilton, Dunbar Earl of Sel-  
kirk, and the said Archibald Douglas. ITEM, diligence granted by the  
said macers, for proving the propinquity of the said Archibald Douglas,  
with the execution thereof on a paper apart. ITEM, procuratory, dated  
the 27th day of August last, granted by Margaret Dutchess-dowager of  
Douglas, and Sir Robert Pollock of that ilk, Baronet, two of the tutors G  
and



**A** and curators nominated and appointed by the said Archibald Duke of Douglas, to the said Archibald Douglas, in favours of Messieurs James Montgomery, James Burnet, Charles Hamilton-Gordon, Robert Macqueen, David Rae, Alexander Murray, and Ilay Campbell, all advocates, or any of them, for purchasing and obtaining the said Archibald Douglas, their pupil, served and retoured nearest and lawful heir of line, tailzie, and provision, to the said Archibald Duke of Douglas, his uncle.

**B** Thereafter compeared James Simpson, the officer who executed the said brieve, who being solemnly sworn, examined, and interrogate, and the execution of the said brieve read over to him, deponed, That he executed the said brieve, conform to the execution indorsed thereon, as he should answer to God. As also, compeared Robert Gibb and David Burrel, witnesses to the executing said brieve, who being also solemnly sworn, examined, and interrogate, deponed, they were present at the  
**C** said officer his executing said brieve, and that he executed the same, conform to the execution thereof, as they shall answer to God.

Then the said judges found all right done and duly execute; whereupon the said Mr. James Burnet, advocate, took instruments.

Thereafter the said Mr. James Burnet, procurator foresaid, produced the said Archibald Stewart, now Douglas, his claim of service, as heir of tailzie and provision to the said Archibald Duke of Douglas  
**D** his uncle, with the whole instructions and verifications thereof; particularly, an disposition of tailzie of the dukedom of Douglas, and others, dated the 11th, and registrate in the books of Session (J. K.) the 21st days of July 1761, made and granted by the said Archibald Duke of Douglas, in favours of himself, and the heirs whatsoever of his body; whom failing, the heirs whatsoever of the body of the deceased James Marquis of Douglas, his father; whom failing, certain other heirs therein mentioned.  
**E** And also, an nomination of tutors and curators, dated and registrate of the same dates with the tailzie, made and granted by the said Archibald Duke of Douglas; whereby, upon the narrative, that by the said disposition and entail, execute by him of that date, of his dukedom of Douglas, and whole other land estate, in case of his death without heirs of his body, his said estate would devolve upon, fall, and belong, to Archibald Stewart, son of the deceased Lady Jane Douglas, his sister, who was minor; therefore, he nominates and appoints the said Dutcheß of Douglas, Charles Duke of Queensberry and Dover, the Earl of Morton, Henry Home of Kaims, Esquire, George Brown of Coalston, Esquire, James Veitch of Elliock, Esquire, all three senators of the College of Justice, the said Sir Robert Pollock of Pollock, Baronet, and Allan Whiteford of Ballochmyle, Esquire, or such of them as should accept, and  
**G** the survivors or survivor of those that should accept, to be tutors and curators



curators to the said Archibald Stewart, during his pupillarity and minority. And thereafter, all parties having or pretending to have interest, being thrice lawfully called, lawful time of day bidden, compared Mr. Alexander Lockhart, as procurator for Duke Hamilton and Lord Selkirk, and represented, that though Lord Barjarg, who was to have attended this service along with Lord Edgefield, was not here, on account of his being indisposed, he, for these parties, consented, that it should be no objection to the proceedings of this day, B so far as relates to taking the proof on the part of the claimant, that none of the assessors appointed by the Lords of Session are now present; but, at the same time, protested, that before any further proceedings in that service, by retouring the same, or otherwise, Lord Selkirk may be heard upon his objections to the retouring of the service, in respect of the said Lord Selkirk's claim to that estate, to which the claimant now pretends to establish a title by his service. C

Thereafter, the said Mr. James Burnet desired, that the said Archibald Stewart, now Douglas, his claim of service might be read, and the matter referred to the knowledge of an inquest of persons, most worthy, least suspect, and who best knew the verity of the matter, who were all summoned to this day and place.

Which desire the said Judges and Sheriffs, in that part foresaid, finding to be just and reasonable, admitted of the said desire, and D thereafter referred the said matter to the knowledge of the inquest following:

They are to say,

Archibald Murray of Murrayfield, Esq;  
 Mr. Patrick Murray of Cherrytrees, advocate, E  
 Alexander Gray, depute-clerk of Session,  
 Alexander Kincaid, bookseller in Edinburgh,  
 John Hope, merchant in Edinburgh,  
 Thomas Rigg of Morton, Esq;  
 Mr. James Hume of Gamelshiells,  
 Mr. Robert Pringle of Newhall, F  
 James Kerr, goldsmith in Edinburgh,  
 Mr. David Graham, advocate,  
 Mr. James Graham, one of the commissars of Edinburgh.  
 Joseph Watson, writer in Edinburgh,  
 William Dempster, goldsmith in Edinburgh,  
 George Brown of Ellieston, Esq;  
 Patrick Inglis, merchant in Edinburgh: G

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Who



**A** Who being all solemnly sworn, received and admitted to pass upon the service of the said briefes, purchased forth of our Sovereign Lord's Chancery, to the effect above mentioned, incontinent elected and made choice of the said Mr. Archibald Murray, one of their number, in Chancellor of the said inquest, and thereafter caused the said claim be openly and publickly read, and they compared the same with the instructions and verifications thereof.

**B** Then, for proving the claimant's propinquity to the said Archibald Duke of Douglas, there were adduced the following witnesses, who were all cited to this day and place, conform to executions against them in process, who appeared and deponed as follows :

**C** Ompeared Walter Colvill, one of the said macers, aged fifty, married, being solemnly sworn, purged of partial counsel, examined and interrogate, depones, that he knows, that the late Duke of Douglas was habite and repute the son and heir of the late James, Marquis of Douglas, his father, and that the Duke died without issue of his body ; that he knew the deceased Lady Jane Douglas, and that she was habite and repute to be the only daughter of the said Marquis of Douglas, and sister to the said Duke of Douglas. Depones, that she was habite and repute to be married to Sir John Stewart, now of

**D** Grantully, and who formerly used to pass by the name and designation of Colonel John Stewart, and that the claimant was commonly habite and repute to be the only son now on life, procreate of the said marriage. Depones, that it's consistent with his knowledge, that Lady Jane Douglas went abroad in the year 1746 ; that the deponent attended her from Lady Jane's house at Drumsheugh, near Edinburgh, to Huntington in England ; that Sir John Stewart met Lady Jane at

**E** Huntington ; that Mrs. Hewit attended Lady Jane as her companion ; that Mrs. Hewit told the deponent upon the road, that Lady Jane was married to Sir John Stewart ; that the deponent had reason to think, that they slept together that night, having seen a room with a bed ordered for them, and saw Sir John's night-gown and slippers in that room ; that the deponent went from Huntington to London, to procure passes for Sir John and Lady Jane for Holland ; that she and

**F** Sir John were to stay at Huntington for some days, and from that go to Harwich, where they were to wait till the passes came to them ; that the deponent, by Lady Jane's orders, exchanged letters at several different times, and at different places, with the said Mrs. Hewit, from whom he had letters from Rotterdam, Hague, Utrecht, Aix-la-Chapelle, Reims, and, as he thinks, from Paris, that in one of these letters from Reims, Mrs. Hewit writ, that Lady Jane was with child,

**G** and that she was six or seven months going with child ; and, upon recollection,



recollection, thinks, the letter was from Aix-la-Chapelle. Depones, A that he had a letter from Mrs. Hewit from Paris, wherein she wrote, that Lady Jane was delivered of two sons upon the 10th of July 1748, so far as he can recollect, having destroyed the letters two or three years ago, thinking them of no import; that the deponent received the last mentioned letter about a fortnight or thereby after the said 10th of July; that about that time Mr. Archibald Stuart, then doer for the Duke of Douglas, sent for the deponent, and having enquired, B if he had any word from Lady Jane, he shewed the said last mentioned letter, and Mr. Stuart read it, and took a note of what was contained in the letter, concerning the birth of the children, and said, he would send it, or show it to the Duke of Douglas. Depones, that Lady Jane returned to Scotland in August 1752, as the deponent thinks; that when she came to Leith, the deponent was sent for, and saw Lady Jane, and Mrs. Hewit attending her; that Lady Jane called C for her two sons, and introduced them to the deponent, as her children, and the deponent saluted them; that the name of the eldest son, the claimant, was Archibald, and the second son, Sholto. Depones, that Lady Jane went from Edinburgh to London in April 1753; that some few days after she left this place, her son Sholto fevered and died; that the children having been committed to the deponent's inspection and care, he acquainted Lady Jane of the child's death; that D he received an answer from Mrs. Hewit, bearing, that Lady Jane was so afflicted with grief, for the loss of her child, that she could neither write, nor do any thing for some time; and that after she returned to Scotland in August thereafter, and the deponent had frequently occasion to see her behave most kindly, and in a motherly way, to the claimant, her son. *Causa scientiæ patet.* And this is truth, as he should answer to God. (Signed,) WAL. COLVILL. FRAN. GIBB. E. WILL. MARSHALL.

Compeared also James Hepburn of Keith, Esquire, aged sixty or thereby, married, solemnly sworn, purged of partial counsel, examined and interrogate, depones, that the late Duke of Douglas was habite and repute, the only son and heir of James Marquis of Douglas, his father, and that the Duke died without issue of his body; F that he knew the deceased Lady Jane Douglas, and that she was habite and repute to be the only daughter of the said Marquis of Douglas, and sister to the said Duke of Douglas. Depones, that she was habite and repute to be married to Sir John Stewart, now of Grantully, who formerly used to pass by the name and designation of Colonel John Stewart; and that the claimant was formerly habite and repute to be the only son now on life, procreate of the said marriage; that Lady G Jane



- A Jane was at the Hague in the year 1746, where the deponent saw her and Sir John Stewart; that he afterwards saw them at Aix-la-Chapelle, in spring 1748; that Lady Jane appeared to the deponent to be thinner in the face, and not so well as when he had seen her at the Hague; that he took notice of this to Mrs. Hepburn, his spouse, who said, Don't you observe that she is with child? and that he accordingly looked at her more narrowly next day, and she did appear to be with
- B child; that about two months thereafter, or thereby, he saw Lady Jane and Sir John at Liege, when she appeared to be further gone with child, and that she endeavoured to conceal her bigness in the belly, by a loose dress which she wore; that she was attended by two servant-maids, whose names the deponent thinks were Effy Caw and Tibby Walker, at the foresaid places; and that he saw Mrs. Hewit along with Lady Jane at all these places. Depones, that when Sir
- C John and Lady Jane were at Liege, Sir John told the deponent, that Lady Jane was going to Paris to be delivered, or to lie-in; that the deponent said, that if Lady Jane was delivered of a child in any place abroad, he would be reckoned an alien; but Sir John said, that if a child was of Scots parents, their being born abroad did not make them aliens; and that Sir John further said, that Paris was the safest place for a woman's getting a proper assistance in child-bed; that he does
- D not remember to have heard any thing spoke of Lady Jane's being with child, except in his own family, who all believed she was with child. Depones, that after Lady Jane was delivered, Mrs. Hepburn, the deponent's spouse, had a letter from Lady Jane, giving an account of her sons, their birth, and thinks Sir John wrote to the same purpose, but is not positive; that after this, the deponent saw Lady Jane in Scotland, in a house near the Meadow, who presented
- E to the deponent her two sons, who he saluted. And this is truth, as he shall answer to God. (Signed,) JAMES HEPBURN. FRAN. GIBB. WILL. MARSHALL. WAL. COLVILL.

C Ompared also Mrs. Christian Denoon, wife of James Hepburn the preceeding witness, aged sixty, or thereby, solemnly sworn, purged of partial counsel, examined and interrogate, depones, that she

F saw Lady Jane Douglas, and Sir John Stewart her husband, at the Hague, in the year 1746, and had occasion to be with them there, almost every day, for two months together; that she likewise saw them at Aix-la-Chapelle in the year 1748, having gone on purpose to see Lady Jane, and staid about eight or ten days with them there; that thereafter, in the same year, she saw them at Liege, where the deponent then resided; that at all these places she was attended by Mrs.

G Hewit, Effy Caw, and Tibby Walker, which two last were servant-maids;



maids ; that the late Lord Crawford was at Aix-la-Chapelle when the **A**  
 deponent visited Lady Jane, as aforesaid ; that when the deponent saw  
 Lady Jane at Aix-la-Chapelle, she observed a very great difference from  
 the looks that she had at the Hague ; that her face was very thin, that  
 her belly or waist was very thick, her cheeks thin, and her eyes large ;  
 that from all which the deponent had not the least doubt of her being  
 with child, and that she told this to the former deponent, her husband,  
 that night, and said to him, that she was sure Lady Jane was with **B**  
 child ; that she told the same next morning to Mrs. Hewit, and said  
 she took it ill that she had never acquainted her thereof ; that Mrs.  
 Hewit said, that she wanted to surprize the deponent agreeably, and  
 to try whether she would find it out herself ; that afterwards, when  
 the deponent saw Lady Jane at Liege, when she appeared just like a  
 clue, with a capuchin about her, which she commonly wore, and  
 seemed to have no affectation to show, or discover, her being with **C**  
 child ; that one morning she saw Lady Jane sitting upon her bed-side  
 without her gown, and her waist-coat laid about her ; that her breasts  
 were quite exposed ; and that, from what the deponent observed of  
 them, it was impossible that any person, who saw her in that situation,  
 could doubt of her being with child ; that this was the more observ-  
 able to the deponent, that when she saw her at the Hague, she was a  
 thin and slender woman, in so far as, that she scarce appeared to have **D**  
 any breasts at all ; that the deponent came in by surprize upon Lady  
 Jane in the morning above mentioned. Depones, that when the  
 deponent was at Liege, there were several of her countrymen there,  
 with whom the deponent conversed about Lady Jane's being with  
 child, which was then universally believed, and doubted of by no-  
 body ; that, after that, Sir John wrote a letter to the deponent, ac-  
 quainting her of the birth of his sons, which she now exhibits, dated **E**  
 6th August 1748, and exhibits a letter from Lady Jane, dated the  
 11th of October 1748, acquainting her of the state of her childrens  
 health ; and exhibits also a letter from Mrs. Hewit to her, dated 21st  
 December 1748, from which letter the deponent apprehended that  
 Lady Jane had parted with child. Depones, that she never heard, as  
 far as she remembers, any doubt about the forementioned sons being  
 Lady Jane's, till she came to Scotland in the year 1749. Depones, **F**  
 that after she came to Scotland, she frequently saw Lady Jane and her  
 two sons together ; that she always behaved in a motherly way to  
 them, without any affectation of fondness ; that the youngest son,  
 Sholto, was Lady Jane's very picture ; that Effy Caw, abovemention-  
 ed, was dismissed Lady Jane's service, after Lady Jane came to Eng-  
 land, as the deponent thinks, and came down to Scotland, and applied  
 to the deponent for service ; that she recommended her accordingly to **G**  
 C wait



A wait on the deponent's niece, Miss Bruce, and she afterwards served the deponent's daughter-in-law, Mrs. Hepburn, went to England with her, and died there; that when she was in these services, the deponent heard her frequently declare, that if she were to step next moment into eternity, she would declare that Lady Jane, her mistress, was with child; and as there was some talk, at that time, that the children were not Lady Jane's, she wished that her oath might be taken

B concerning that matter; and the deponent had the more regard to this, that she seemed to be a little piqued at Lady Jane's turning her from her service. Depones, that Effy Caw told the deponent, as the reason why she was so positive of Lady Jane's being with child, that generally she dressed and undressed Lady Jane, when she was in her service; that the deponent knows, that the foresaid Effy Caw and Tibby Walker remained at Reims, when Lady Jane went to Paris to

C be delivered; and that the deponent has been told by Sir John, Lady Jane, and the two servant-maids, that the reason of their remaining at Reims, was the want of money to carry them to Paris. And this is truth, as she shall answer to God. (Signed,) CHR. HEPBURN. FRAN. GIBB. WILL. MARSHALL. WAL. COLVILL.

D COMpeared also Mrs. Helen Hewit, residenter in Edinburgh, aged fifty, or thereby, solemnly sworn, purged of partial counsel, examined and interrogate, depones, that she was acquainted with Lady Jane Douglas, sister to the late Duke of Douglas, from her childhood; that the deponent was present at Lady Jane's house at Drumsheugh, when she was married to Sir John Stewart of Grantully, who then past by the name of Colonel Stewart; that they were married upon the 10th of August 1746, by the deceased Mr. Keith, who commonly

E past by the name of Bishop Keith, and that there was no other witness present but the deponent; that, six days after the marriage, Lady Jane set out for Huntington in England, and the deponent attended her, as a companion, together with her two servant-maids, Effy Caw and Tibby Walker. Depones, that Sir John met Lady Jane at Huntington, from whence they set out to Harwich, and went thereafter to the Hague, where they staid four months; from thence to Utrecht,

F and, in the end of April 1747, they went to Aix-la-Chapelle; that they staid at Aix-la-Chapelle from May 1747, till the 1st of June 1748; that, in the end of the year 1747, Lady Jane proved with child; that the two former deponents, Mr. and Mrs. Hepburn, lived then at Liege, and, during Lady Jane's pregnancy, came to Aix-la-Chapelle, to see her; that the first time Mrs. Hepburn saw Lady Jane upon that visit, she observed to the deponent, that Lady Jane was with child,

G and quarrelled her for not letting her know of it; the deponent answered,



answered, that it was very true, but that Lady Jane was so bashful, A  
 that she would not allow any person to speak of it; that, while they  
 staid at Aix-la-Chapelle, there were many Scots people there, particu-  
 larly Lady Wigton and Miss Primrose, who lived with her, and one  
 Mrs. Greig, Lady Wigton's woman, who at present is in Edinburgh;  
 that there was also there, a lady of distinction, Madam Obean, whose  
 husband had a house at Brussels; that Lady Jane was very intimate  
 with that Lady, and was every day at the assemblies which were held B  
 at her house, where she had an opportunity of being seen by numbers  
 of people from all nations, as the congress was then going on in that  
 city; that Madam Obean pressed Lady Jane to go to Brussels, to be  
 delivered in her house, which she would have done, had not that la-  
 dy's husband been called to Vienna, to take possession of the office of  
 one of the ministers, and his lady was obliged to follow him; that,  
 during this time, the deponent had occasion frequently to converse C  
 with the ladies above mentioned, who all took notice of Lady Jane's  
 pregnancy; that Lady Jane was about eight months gone with child  
 before she left Aix-la-Chapelle, and, at that time, both her belly and  
 breasts, particularly her breasts, were so remarkably big, that most  
 people thought, she was with twins; that Lady Jane naturally was  
 remarkably slender, and had scarce any breasts at all; that, at the  
 same time, the late Earl of Crawford and Lord Blantyre were both at D  
 Aix-la-Chapelle, and Lord Blantyre lived in the house with Lady Jane,  
 and both of these Lords were every day with her; that the reason of  
 their leaving Aix-la-Chapelle was, that the expence of living was turn-  
 ed so extravagantly high, that they could not afford it; that when  
 they left that city, their company consisted of, Sir John, my lady, the  
 deponent, the two servant-maids above mentioned, and the man-ser-  
 vant, who was a foreigner, and who left them at Liege; that they E  
 staid at Liege four or five days, during which time Sir John and La-  
 dy Jane, Mr. and Mrs. Hepburn, were every day together in one  
 another's houses; that from Liege they went to Sedan, where they  
 staid two or three days, because Lady Jane was out of order, and  
 seemed likely to be delivered; from Sedan they went to Reims, where  
 they arrived, as the deponent thinks, about the middle of June, and  
 they remained there till the end of that month; that while they staid F  
 at Reims, Lieutenants Mackenzie and Maclean, two British officers,  
 who had been taken prisoners by the French, were in that city, and  
 were three or four times a-week with Lady Jane; that the first day of  
 July, Lady Jane, Sir John and the deponent, set out in a stage-coach  
 for Paris, and that the two officers above mentioned lifted Lady Jane  
 into her coach, because she was so heavy that she could hardly stir;  
 that the reason why Lady Jane went to Paris, was because there was G  
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- A** no proper help to be had at Reims, as they were told by every body; that the two servant-maids were left at Reims for want of money to carry them along, and that Lady Jane intended to have sent for them, but she did not get money soon enough; that upon their coming to Paris, she endeavoured to persuade her banker to advance her thirty louis, which were to fall due at the Lammass following, and that, as he refused so to do, Sir John wrote to Reims, to one Mr. Andrews,
- B** to whom they had been recommended, who ordered his banker to advance the money; and that the very day it was paid, Lady Jane was brought to-bed, which made it unnecessary to send for the servant-maids; that when they arrived at Paris, they had only one guinea; that upon the 10th of July Lady Jane was delivered at Paris of two sons, and that the deponent was present at their birth, and received them both into her lap, when they came into the world; that the
- C** eldest, whose name is Archibald, and is the present claimant, was a strong healthy child, but the other, whose name was Sholto, was so weakly, that it was not believed he would live above twelve hours, and for that reason the man-midwife, whose name, the deponent thinks, was something like Le Marr, but cannot be positive, as she does not understand French, immediately christened him; that their land-lady and her daughter were present at the birth, but she does
- D** not remember any of their names, as they were French; that they staid in that house for ten days after the delivery, when they were obliged to transport Lady Jane to another house, on account of bugs; that they remained in Paris altogether, for about three weeks; when they were advised by the man-midwife to go to a village in the neighbourhood for more air, the weather being excessively hot; that they staid in that village for about a fortnight, during which time Lady Jane
- E** recovered surprizingly; that from this village they returned to Reims, and carried the eldest boy along with them, who was not then christened; that they left the youngest, on account of his weak state, at Paris, under the care of the man-midwife, who got a faithful nurse to him, under whose care he grew much stronger, and that the man-midwife wrote every week to Sir John, giving him an account of the boy's health, and that he was suckled for sixteen months; that Lady
- F** Jane, both at Paris and at Reims, went under the name of Madam Stewart; that about three weeks after their return to Reims, when he was about two months old, the eldest boy was christened Archibald; that the christening was so long delayed by waiting for Lady Wigton, who was to be god-mother; and that accordingly Lady Wigton and Mrs. Andrews were god-mothers, and the late Lord Blantyre, and Baron Macilicoat, Lady Wigton's husband, were god-fathers, and
- G** that they were all present; that the ceremony was performed publicly



lickly in the church, by the parish priest, in the presence of a multi- A  
tude of spectators; that the bishop of Joppa was at the entertainment  
after the baptism, and seemed to be angry that he was not desired to  
perform the ceremony; that the god-fathers and god-mothers were all  
at the entertainment; that after their return to Reims, they staid in  
one Madam Mayet's for about sixteen months; that about a month af-  
ter the christening, Lady Jane fell again with child, and when she  
was near three months gone, her foot slipt in the street, as she was B  
walking home from a visit to Lady Wigton, and gave her back a  
twist, by which means she miscarried next day, and was much worse  
upon that occasion than she formerly was when she was delivered at  
Paris; that when the second boy was about sixteen months old, the  
deponent went along with Sir John and Lady Jane, and brought him  
to Reims; that about half a year after the children were born, to the  
best of the deponent's remembrance, the pension of 300l. a-year, C  
which Lady Jane had from her brother the Duke of Douglas, was  
withdrawn, upon which occasion Lady Jane wrote to Lord Morton,  
who remitted her 350 l. that about November 1749, they left Reims,  
and returned to London with the children, where they arrived a week  
before Christmas; that they remained at London and Chelsea for about  
two years and ten months; that in the year 1752, Lady Jane and the  
deponent came to Scotland with the children, and Sir John remained D  
in London; that the end of April 1753, Lady Jane and the deponent  
returned to London, and left the children in a house near the Mea-  
dow, under the care of Isabel Walker above mentioned, now Mrs.  
Glas, a cook-maid, and a footman, and recommended them to the  
care of Mr. William Loch, writer in Edinburgh, and Mr. Colvill, a  
former deponent; that two days after they left Scotland, the younger  
boy, Sholto, fell into a fever, of which he died; that the deponent E  
was informed of this by Mr. Colvill, who wrote to her every post;  
that Lady Jane was affected in the deepest manner with his death, and  
laid it so to heart, that she never was well after it; that this boy Shol-  
to was the very picture of Lady Jane; that Lady Jane was attended  
in her sickness at London, by Mr. James Pringle, surgeon to the  
guards, and, when he left that place, by Mr. Fordyce; that these gen-  
tlemen told the deponent, that Lady Jane's disease was a broken heart; F  
that Lady Jane returned to Scotland in August 1753, and died the  
22d of November following; that about four hours before she died,  
she ordered her son Archibald, the claimant, to be brought to her,  
when she laid her hand upon his head, and said, God blefs you my  
child, God make you a good and an honest man, for riches I despise;  
take a sword in your hand, and you may one day be as great a hero  
as some of your predecessors. And being interrogate for Duke Hamil- G  
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Aton, depones, that she does not know whether their lodgings at Paris were bespoke before they went there, and that they first lighted at an inn, before they went to their lodgings; that the first time she saw the man-midwife was, when he was called to assist Lady Jane in labour, and that she does not know that he was formerly bespoke; that she does not remember the name of the street where they lodged, as it is a French name, and does not understand French; that she does not know whether the birth of the children, or the baptism of Sholto, were registrate at Paris; that, during her stay at Paris, Lady Jane received no visits from any of her countrymen, nor saw any of them; that they got the nurse for Archibald, the claimant, at the village near Paris, to which they went as above mentioned, and that they carried her, together with her husband and child, with them to Reims; but does not remember her name; she was commonly called, nurse; that before they got this nurse, the child had two or three other nurses, who had not good milk, and who were obliged to be dismissed, but does not remember any of their names; that no nurse was bespoke before Lady Jane's delivery, but their landlady got milk-women in the neighbourhood, immediately after the birth; that Lady Jane would not allow any nurse to be bespoke before her delivery, because she said she did not know if she would bear a living child; that while Lady Jane staid at Paris, and at the village in the neighbourhood, and till she returned to Reims, she had no hired servants of her own, but was attended by the servants of the houses where they staid. And being further interrogate for the claimant, depones, that after their return to England, the younger boy Sholto, was again baptised by one Dr. Colvill; that beside Sir John and Lady Jane, there were present upon this occasion, Lady Wigton, Miss Primrose, Lady Wigton's woman Mrs. Greig, and the deponent. And this is truth, as she shall answer to God. (Signed,) HELEN HEWIT. FRAN. GIBB. WILL. MARSHALL. WAL. COLVILL.

Thereafter, Mr. James Montgomery Advocate, as procurator for the said Archibald Stewart, now Douglas, represented, that among the witnesses who were cited for proving the propinquity of the claimant, there were the Right Honourable the Lady Wigton, who was confined to the house, indisposed, and therefore craved the judges would grant a commission for taking her deposition, which desire the said judges finding just and reasonable, they accordingly granted a commission to Walter Colvill, one of their number, for taking the oath and deposition of the said Lady Wigton. Whereupon, and upon all the premises, the said Mr. James Burnet, as procurator foresaid, asked acts of Court, and took instruments.

And



And thereafter, the said judges adjourned their Court till to-morrow, A the 9th day of September current, to be then held in the Parliament or New Session House aforesaid, at nine o'clock in the morning, and ordained the inquest, and all parties concerned, then and there to attend.

C O U R T of the service on the foresaid briefes, holden B within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon the 9th day of September, 1761, before Francis Gibb and William Marshall, two of the four ordinary Macers before the Lords of Session, as Sheriffs in that part of the Sherifffdom of Edinburgh, specially constituted by the commission above narrated; and also, before the whole of the Inquest before-named. C

T H E which day, compeared in judgment, the said Mr. James Burnet, as procurator for the said Archibald Stewart, now Douglas, and his tutors, and produced in presence of the saids judges and inquest, the commission directed to the said macers, or any two of them, as D Sheriffs foresaid, for serving the briefes before-mentioned, with the acceptance thereof indorsed on the back; item, the said briefe, with the execution thereof on the back, and the judges their precept for executing the same, and summoning the inquest, with the execution against the inquest; item, an extract of an act and remit, nominating and appointing assessors to the macers, in the services before-mentioned; item, diligence, granted by the saids macers, for proving the propinquity of the said Archibald Douglas, with the execution thereof, on a paper apart, item, the procuratory before-mentioned, granted by the said Margaret Dutchess of Douglas and Sir Robert Pollock of that ilk, Baronet, two of the tutors and curators, nominated and appointed by the said Archibald Duke of Douglas, in favours of the said Mr. James Burnet, and the other persons before-named, or any of them, for purchasing and obtaining the said Archibald Stewart, now Douglas, F served and retoured nearest and lawful heir of line, tailzie, and provision, to the said Archibald Duke of Douglas, his uncle, together with the said Archibald Stewart-Douglas, his claim and instructions thereof, above-mentioned; and thereafter represented, that, as the judges and inquest did not take the depositions of the whole witnesses, cited, for proving the claimant's propinquity, last court day, that they would now proceed thereto, which they did, and there

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**C**ompeared Mrs. Jean Greig, house-keeper to Charles Areskine of Alva, Esq; Lord Justice Clerk, aged thirty-eight, or thereby, being solemnly sworn, purged of partial counsel, examined, and interrogate, depones, That the late Duke of Douglas was habite and repute the only son and heir of James Marquis of Douglas, and that the Duke died without issue of his body. Depones, That she knew the deceased

**B** Lady Jane Douglas, and that she was habite and repute to be the only daughter of the said Marquis of Douglas, and sister to the Duke of Douglas; that she was habite and repute to be married to Sir John Stewart, now of Grantully, who formerly used to pass by the name and designation of Colonel John Stewart; that the claimant was commonly habite and repute the only son, now in life, procreate of the said marriage. Depones, That, in May 1748, the deponent saw Lady Jane

**C** Douglas at Aix-la-Chapelle, in the house where Lady Wigton staid; that Lady Jane had all the appearances of a woman with child, and particularly her face had that appearance, insomuch, that nobody but one blind could have doubted her being with child; that the deponent having heard of the long journey, from Aix-la-Chapelle to Reims, Lady Jane was to take, was very apprehensive that she would never make it out, and that she would lie-in on the road; the deponent communicat-

**D** ed her apprehensions about Lady Jane to Mrs. Hewit and Tibby Walker, who agreed, that she was with child, and Tibby Walker signified her fear that she would not make out the journey intended. Depones, That she spoke of Lady Jane's being with child to Lady Wigton, who was of the same mind and apprehensions about her; that Lady Jane's pregnancy was always the subject of conversation amongst them, and that she never heard any body doubt of it while she was a-

**E** broad, nor never heard it called in question, till the deponent came to Scotland, nor the truth of it doubted; that, in August or September the same year, the deponent was with my Lady Wigton at Reims, when Sir John Stewart and Lady Jane, and their eldest son, the claimant, were also there; that the claimant was publicly baptized in the church there, and the deponent was present at the baptism; that he was named, Archibald; that Lady Wigton and a wine-merchant's

**F** wife, whose name, she thinks, was, Andrews, stood godmothers; that the late Lord Blantyre and Baron Macilicoat were godfathers, and were all present at the christening; that the deponent remained some months after that, and had frequent occasion to see Lady Jane; that the deponent thought, towards the beginning of winter, that Lady Jane was again with child, that she talked of it with Mrs. Hewit and Tibby Walker, who were of the same mind; that she spoke of it like-

**G** wise to Lady Jane, who blushed, but did not refuse it; that, one day, when



when Lady Jane came to visit Lady Wigton, her foot slipped, and she A  
 strained her back, endeavouring to save her self from a fall, and, after  
 she came into Lady Wigton's, she appeared to be uneasy, and complain-  
 ed of a pain in her back, and the deponent gave her a cordial, and  
 sent her home in a chair; and that, after she went home, she was ill  
 for some days; and Mrs. Hewit and Tibby Walker told the deponent,  
 that Lady Jane had parted with child; that both at Aix-la-Chapelle and  
 Reims, the deponent heard, that Lady Jane and Sir John were strait- B  
 ned for money; and that she was informed by Mrs. Hewit and Tibby  
 Walker, that that was the reason of their leaving Aix-la-Chapelle, where  
 all the necessaries of life were extravagantly dear, on account of the  
 congress; that the deponent knew Lady Jane when she was at London,  
 and the deponent waited upon her, as her maid, in the house with her,  
 for some months; that she behaved in the most motherly and affec-  
 tionate way to her two sons; that they were her whole concern, and C  
 that, if they were well, all was well with her; that the deponent saw  
 Lady Jane in Scotland two days before her death; that she spoke anxi-  
 ously about her son, Archibald, the claimant, and hoped all would be  
 well with him; that she despised the stories that the deponent told her  
 had been talked, that Archibald, the claimant, was not her son; that  
 the deponent asked Lady Jane, if she had taken any step to prove that  
 he was her's; to which she answered, that it was an unprecedented D  
 thing to take any step of that kind, and, if any body doubted of it,  
 it was their business to prove, that the child was an impostor, which,  
 she knew, was impossible, for Mr. Stewart owned the child as his,  
 and knew it, and God knew that the child was her's, as well as she  
 her self did. And this is the truth, as she shall answer to God. (Signed)  
 JEAN GREIG. FRAN. GIBB. WILL. MARSHALL. WAL. COVILL.

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 COMpeared Isabel Walker, spouse to William Glass, gardener at  
 Newliston, who being solemnly sworn, purged of malice and par-  
 tial counsel, examined and interrogate, depones, That she was well ac-  
 quainted with the deceased Lady Jane Douglas, whom the deponent  
 served for thirteen years: that Lady Jane, and Sir John Stewart, now  
 of Grantully, were habite and repute married persons, and lived toge-  
 ther as such, for part of the time that the deponent served Lady Jane: F  
 that the claimant was reputed the eldest son of Sir John and Lady Jane,  
 and acknowledged, by themselves and others, as such, and that the clai-  
 mant is now reputed to be the only son of that marriage alive. Depones,  
 That, in August 1746, the deponent accompanied Lady Jane from Edin-  
 burgh, alongst with Mrs. Hewit and Effy Caw since dead, and Mr. Col-  
 vill, a former deponent, to Huntington in England, where they made  
 a short stay for some days, and where they met Sir John Stewart, who, G  
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- A at this time, went by the name of Colonel Stewart: that Sir John and Lady Jane lay together at Huntington: that from thence they proceeded all, except Mr. Colvill, for the Hague, by Harwich, and Rotterdam: that at the Hague they found Mr. and Mrs. Hepburn, the two former witnesses, who frequently visited Lady Jane's family, when there: that Lady Jane, Sir John, and the family, went from Holland to Aix-la-Chapelle in May 1747, where they continued for a twelve-
- B month: that while Lady Jane was there, she proved with child: that she was visited by several British that were then there, particularly the Earl of Crawford, Lady Wigton, Lord Blantyre, and Miss Primrose. Depones, That Mr. and Mrs. Hepburn came to Aix-la-Chapelle, on a visit to Lady Jane and Sir John: that Mrs. Hepburn, after having seen Lady Jane, came into another room, where the deponent and Mrs. Hewit were: that Mrs. Hepburn, with some emotion, and addressing
- C herself to Mrs. Hewit, said, That Lady Jane was big with child, and challenged Mrs. Hewit for not writing her of it; upon which Mrs. Hewit said, For God's sake be quiet, we dare not speak of that matter, Lady Jane is so bashful: that Lady Jane was, at this time, about the seventh month of her pregnancy. Depones, That before the deponent knew any thing of Lady Jane's being with child, observing her frequently to be out of order, and sometimes throwing up, the deponent was in
- D use to talk to Mrs. Davis their landlady, to whom the deponent related Lady Jane's complaint, considering her as a woman of experience: that after some of these conversations Mrs. Davis told the deponent, that she needed not be alarmed about her Lady, for that she was with child; which was the first notice the deponent had of her being so: that the deponent soon saw that such was the case, for Lady Jane had all the symptoms of a woman in that condition, which the deponent had ac-
- E cess to know, as she was the person that put Lady Jane to bed, and helped her out of bed in the morning, and saw her, upon these occasions, without any cloaths: that when Lady Jane was in the seventh month, she was become so unwieldy as not to be able to go to bed without assistance, which the deponent gave her, and by means of a stool, she slept in and out of bed. Depones, That Lady Jane was uncommonly big, and that, from the appearance of her belly and breasts,
- F which the deponent had so frequent occasion to see, it was impossible for the deponent to have been deceived or mistaken of the condition of Lady Jane: that Lady Jane was naturally flat-breasted, and very thin, but, when with child, her breasts rose to a great size. Depones, That Lady Jane was visited, while at Aix-la-Chapelle, by Madam Obine, a Brussels lady, and by the Countess of Bassewitz, with both whom Lady Jane was in great intimacy. Depones, That, in the end of May or beginning of June 1748, Lady Jane, Sir John, and the family, removed
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from Aix-la-Chapelle, on account that, by reason of the congress, A lodging and provisions were become so extravagant, that they could not afford living there: that from thence they proceeded to Liege, where they staid several days, where Mr. and Mrs. Hepburn were, and who were daily in company with Lady Jane, during the time they staid there: that from Liege they went to Sedan, where they remained some days, to rest Lady Jane: that the next morning after their arrival there, the landlady came into Lady Jane's room, where there were B none present but my Lady and the deponent: that the landlady, after some usual compliments, said to Lady Jane, that she hoped she had not far to travel, for that she observed that Lady Jane was near her time: on which Lady Jane said, Pray, how do you know? The landlady answered, that though she had not seen my Lady's big belly, she knew by her face, that she was near her time: that what the landlady said, was in French, of which the deponent had some knowledge at that C time, though not so much as to know perfectly what past, but enquired of my Lady, who gave her the account as above deposed on, immediately after the conversation past: that the deponent understood so much French, as to know that the landlady then said, that my Lady was with child; that the landlady was a married woman, and had had several children. Depones, That Mrs. Hewit, a former witness, did not understand the French language. Depones, That the day which Lady D Jane and the family set out from Sedan for Reims, or the day thereafter, Lady Jane was taken very ill, at a village called Retell, in the way from Sedan to Reims: that she was so bad, that they were afraid she would have been brought-to-bed there; but having recovered, they proceeded to Reims, where they arrived about the middle of June, as the deponent thinks, and continued till about the first of July: that while they were in Reims, they were visited by Lieutenants Maclean and E Mackenzie, both of the British army, who had been made prisoners at Bergen-op-zoom: that these two gentlemen accompanied Lady Jane to her coach, into which they lifted her in, she being then very unwieldy, when she was going away to Paris, the first of July: that upon the road from Aix-la-Chapelle to Reims, Sir John had Lady Jane to lift in and out of the coach, she not being able to go in or out of herself, being so heavy: that the reason of Lady Jane's going to Paris was, that F there was not a surgeon thought sufficient enough to entrust Lady Jane's delivery to at Reims, and Sir John always said, that he would have the best that could be had in Paris, to attend Lady Jane on that occasion. Depones, That when Sir John and Lady Jane went to Paris, the deponent and Effy Caw were left at Reims: that the reason thereof was Lady Jane's being scarce of money: that she told the deponent she expected some money on their arrival at Paris, and that then the depo- G  
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- A nent and Effy Caw should be sent for: that by a letter which the deponent received from Mrs. Hewit from Paris, she was informed, that my Lady had been disappointed of the money expected there, and was obliged to write to Mr. Andrews at Reims, for a supply of money, which Mrs. Hewit, by a second letter, acquainted the deponent was got upon the day that Lady Jane was delivered at Paris. Depones, That she received a letter from Mrs. Hewit, acquainting her of Lady
- B Jane's being delivered, dated the 22d of July 1748, which she now exhibites, and is marked by her and one of the judges: that this letter the deponent received previous to the one acquainting her of Mr. Andrews supply of money, in which letter Mrs. Hewit said, that though my Lady had a good deal to do with money, yet she believed she would send for the deponent and Effy Caw; but the deponent, in return, wrote Mrs. Hewit, that as my Lady was now safely delivered,
- C and had a nurse attending her, it was needless to put my Lady, in her present circumstances, to the expence of transporting the deponent and Effy Caw; and the deponent exhibites two other letters from Mrs. Hewit to her, the one dated the 26th of July, and the other, the 12th of August 1748, which are now both marked as aforesaid, and which have been preserved by accident, the deponent having had many more, which were all lost or destroyed, before her having been cited as a
- D witness. Depones, That at Reims, and upon the road from Aix-la-Chapelle to Reims, while the deponent attended Lady Jane, she went by the name of Madam Stewart, and the deponent was told that she did so also when at Paris; that at Aix-la-Chapelle, where there were many British people who knew her, she went by the name of Lady Jane Douglas-Stewart. Depones, That she does not know the name of the street where Lady Jane lodged when at Paris, as the deponent's letters to Mrs. Hewit were addressed by Mr. Andrews at Reims, nor could
- E Mrs. Hewit tell the deponent the name of the street, although she asked, as Mrs. Hewit never could mind a French name. Depones, That Lady Jane and Sir John returned to Reims, as the deponent thinks, betwixt the fifth and sixth week after they had left it, and brought the claimant alongst with them, with his nurse and her husband, and a child of theirs, and Mrs. Hewit: that the deponent was told by Mrs. Hewit,
- F and all of the company, that the youngest son was left behind on account of his being very weakly, and the difficulty of getting another nurse to come along, and that the care of him was recommended to the surgeon who had brought my Lady to-bed, and who had punctually corresponded with Sir John while at Reims about the child left to his care. Depones, That Mrs Hewit told the deponent, after her return from Paris, that all the money my Lady or Sir John had, was
- G but a single louis d'ore when they arrived at that city. Depones, That the



the claimant was publickly christened in the church at Reims by the A  
parish priest; that the claimant was then about two months old; that  
there were a great concourse of people in the church on that occa-  
sion, where the deponent was present; that the deponent apprehended,  
that the crowd was increased, on account of Lady Jane and Sir John's  
being foreigners, and persons of distinction; that the late Lord Blantyre  
and Baron Macilicoat were Godfathers, and Lady Wigton and Mrs. An-  
drews, Godmothers; that all these supped that night with my Lady, B  
as did Mr. Andrews and the Bishop of Joppa. Depones, That Lady  
Jane and Sir John, upon their return to Reims from Paris, lodged in  
the house of Mrs. Mayet, a widow in Rue de Cualete; that about  
three or four months after Lady Jane's return to Reims, she parted  
with child, the occasion of which was, that, in going to make a visit  
to Lady Wigton, she made a false step, and, in attempting to save her-  
self from a fall, wrampted her back, came home very ill, and conti- C  
nued so for some time, during which the deponent attended her, and  
that it was a good while before she got the better of it. Depones, That  
the family lived at Reims about nineteen months, except what part of  
that time was taken up in making the journey from Aix-la-Chapelle,  
and the time Lady Jane and Sir John staid at Paris, and what was  
taken up in making the journey from Reims to England, where they  
arrived, as the deponent thinks, in the last week of the year 1749. D  
Depones, That some months, as the deponent thinks, before the fami-  
ly left Reims to come to England, the deponent heard that the Duke of  
Douglas had stopt the pension which my Lady had from him; upon  
which Lady Jane wrote to Lord Morton, who, the deponent thinks,  
was then in Scotland, for a supply of money, who sent her a sum,  
the precise amount of which the deponent does not know, but it was  
above 300l. and short of 400 l. as the deponent thinks; and with this E  
money my Lady paid her debts at Reims, and defrayed the expence of  
her journey to England. Depones, That Sholto, the second son, came  
to Reims, before the family left it, and, as the deponent thinks, when  
he was about fourteen or fifteen months of age, and he, as well as the  
claimant, came along with the rest of the family to England. De-  
pones, That whilst the deponent was abroad, she never heard any sur-  
mise of Lady Jane's not having been with child, that that was never F  
doubted by any who saw her in the country where she was; and that  
these surmises took their rise in Scotland, which the deponent heard of  
some time before she came to England. Depones, That she accom-  
panied Lady Jane from England to Scotland, in August 1752; that in  
the month of April thereafter, Lady Jane, with her two sons, and the  
deponent, went to Douglas-castle; that Lady Jane desired a servant,  
whom the deponent took to be the Duke's gentleman, to acquaint his G  
F Grace,



- A** Grace, that she, with her two sons, were come to wait of him; that Lady Jane was refused admittance to the house, but was directed to go to a terrafs-walk, to wait the return of the message, which was brought her there, and was, that the Duke would by no means see her; that Lady Jane, upon receiving this message, was greatly distressed. Depones, That the deponent had occasion to see my Lady on her return from London, where she had gone soon after her having been at
- B** Douglas; and the deponent served my Lady on her return to Scotland at this time, which was in the 1753; that my Lady appeared greatly shocked and afflicted with the death of her second son, who had died after she went last to England; and it was the deponent's apprehension, that Lady Jane's affliction on that account was the cause of her death. Depones, That she was attending Lady Jane on her death-bed; that the claimant was then with her, to whom she always behaved with
- C** great tendernefs and affection; that the day before she died, she expressed some anxiety to see her brother, and said, that her friends all thought, that she was leaving the burden of her child on them, and therefore would not come and see her; but that she committed her child to the Providence of GOD, who she trusted would take care of him. Being farther interrogate, depones, that upon Sir John's writing to Mr. Andrews from Paris, for the supply of money, already mentioned, Mrs. Andrews, when the money was called for, said, that they were strangers; and the deponent, apprehending from this, that she had some distrust in giving the money, told Mrs. Andrews, that she ran no risk, as she had possession of their trunks, which contained things of value, and which the deponent opened, with a view to satisfy Mrs. Andrews on that head. And this is truth, as she shall answer to God. Signed, ISABELLA GLASS. FRAN. GIBB. WILL. MARSHALL. WAL.
- E** COLVILL.

- C**ompeared George Lindsay, depute-town-clerk of Edinburgh, who being solemnly sworn, examined, and interrogate, depones, and exhibites twenty-seven letters, and other writings, conform to inventory, signed by him and one of the judges; which papers so exhibited, were found by the deponent in a trunk, which the deceased Lady Jane Douglas sent to the deponent's house for custody, as the deponent thinks, in February or March 1753, before she went last to London, and which trunk has been in the deponent's keeping ever since. And this is truth, as he shall answer to God. Signed, GEO. LINDSAY. FRAN. GIBB. WILL. MARSHALL. WAL. COLVILL.

Compeared



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Compeared Joseph Douglas of Edrington, Esquire, who being solemnly sworn, examined and interrogate, purged of partial counsel, depones, that he was particularly well acquainted with the late Duke of Douglas, from the year 1705, and knew him to be the son and heir of James Marquis of Douglas; that he was also well acquainted with the late Lady Jane Douglas, and knew her to be only sister to the said Duke, and daughter to the Marquis; that the said Lady Jane, B and the now Sir John Stewart of Grantully, were habite and repute married persons. Depones, that he knows the claimant, and that he was habite and repute the only surviving son of that marriage. Depones, that two days before Lady Jane's death, he went to wait upon her, when she presented the claimant to him, calling him her dear son Archy; that the following day the deponent went to dine with Lady Jane, and after dinner she turned serious, and told him, that she C knew she was dying, and expressed no concern for her approaching death, but seemed to be greatly afflicted at what would become of her dear son Archy, when she was gone, which were the words that she used, as near as the deponent can recollect, and, upon this occasion, she fell a-crying, and seemed to be deeply afflicted, and thereupon the deponent a little after left her, not being able to stand it longer. Depones, that during the whole time that Lady Jane was abroad, the de- D ponent had frequent letters from her, giving him an account of her motions; that, particularly, he had a letter from her from Paris, giving him an account that she had been dangerously ill, but was now well again, and that she had been brought-to-bed of two boys, the eldest of whom she said, either was, or was to be, christened by the name of Archibald, after her brother; the younger, by the name of Sholto; that the deponent cannot be particular with regard to dates, E having destroyed all these letters upon Lady Jane's death. Depones, that some months after Lady Jane had wrote him from Paris, as above, that she had bore the twins, he had another letter from her, dated, as he thinks, at Reims, informing him that she had been again with child, but had miscarried by mismanagement. And this is truth, as he shall answer to God. (Signed,) Jos. DOUGLAS. FRAN. GIBB. WILL. MARSHALL. WAL. COLVILL. F

Compeared Mr. William Hamilton, minister of the Gospel at Douglas, who being solemnly sworn, purged of partial counsel, examined and interrogate, depones, and exhibits a letter, dated the 26th of March 1749, which is marked by the deponent and one of the judges, from Lady Jane Douglas to him. Depones, That some considerable time before he received the above letter from Lady Jane, the G Duke



- A** Duke of Douglas sent for the deponent, and put into his hands a letter from Lady Jane, which had come inclosed in another from the Earl of Crawford to his Grace; and which letter, from Lady Jane, the deponent thinks, but is not positive, was dated from Aix-la-Chapelle; that the deponent read this letter, and Lady Jane therein informed her brother, that he had often desired her to marry, in order to prevent bad consequences to the family, as he did not intend to marry himself;
- B** that she was now married to Mr. Stewart, brother to Sir George Stewart of Grantully, and hoped that the bad consequences, which his Grace apprehended, were now prevented; by which the deponent understood, that she was with child. Depones, and exhibits other three letters from Lady Jane to the deponent, one dated Edinburgh, 19th of October, another dated Chelsea, 4th March, and the third dated, Hopepark 8th of December, all in the year 1752, and also, a letter to the
- C** deponent's wife, dated Chelsea, the 11th of November 1751, all of which are marked by the deponent and one of the judges, as relative hereto. And this is truth as he shall answer to God. Signed, WILL. HAMILTON. FRAN. GIBB. WILL. MARSHALL. WAL. COLVILL.

- C** Ompeared William Loch, writer in Edinburgh, who being solemnly sworn, purged of partial counsel, examined and interrogate,
- D** depones, that he was acquainted with the deceased Lady Jane Douglas for many years; that, in the year 1752, when she returned to Scotland, he saw the claimant, and his deceased brother Sholto, with her, and she introduced them to the deponent as her children; and that upon all occasions, both she and Sir John treated and acknowledged them as such; that upon the death of the late Sir George Stewart of Grantully, the present Sir John came to Scotland, from the Isle of
- E** Man; and that the first time he saw the deponent, which was the very day he arrived in town, the first thing that he spoke to the deponent of, who was his ordinary doer, was, that as he was an old man, he thought it incumbent on him to execute a bond of provision, in favour of the claimant his son, and desired the deponent to give him a scroll of a bond for that purpose, which the deponent accordingly did; that Sir John executed a bond to the claimant for 50,000 merks,
- F** which he wrote all over with his own hand, from the scroll the deponent had given him; and that the deponent and his son, together with Sir John's servant, were witnesses; that Sir John at first proposed to grant bond for a larger sum, which the deponent objected to, as being too great a burden upon the estate; that Sir John answered, that he was resolved to provide the claimant, not as a younger son of the family of Grantully, but as the issue of his marriage with Lady Jane
- G** Douglas, and that it was by Sir John's insisting for a larger sum, that  
the



the execution of the bond was delayed for some time after Sir John re- A  
 turned to Scotland. Depones, that in the year 1752, when Lady Jane  
 came down to Scotland with the two boys, Lady Jane made bitter  
 complaints to the deponent, of the injurious reports that had been  
 spread of her having bought children, and imposed them upon the  
 family; which reports, she said, were spread by the servants and doers  
 for the family, with a view to keep up her difference with her bro-  
 ther, and strip her of her right; but she hoped very soon to vindi- B  
 cate herself, for she was determined to go to Douglas herself with her  
 children, and make way to her brother, and represent and let him  
 know the fact as it stood. When she was conversing thus with the de-  
 ponent, he took occasion to ask her Ladyship, When she was delivered  
 of the children? where? and who were witnesses to the birth? her  
 Ladyship told the deponent, that she was delivered in the house of  
 Madam Le Brun, Sanbourg St. Germain, Paris, the 10th of July C  
 1748; that Mr. Pierre La Marr, a man-midwife, assisted her at the  
 birth; Madam Le Brun and her daughter were present, a widow la-  
 dy who lodged in her house, and Mrs. Hewit. Depones, and exhi-  
 bits a letter, dated 23d of December 1752, from Lady Jane to the de-  
 ponent, desiring the deponent to look into the register, who presented  
 the tailzie of the Marquis of Douglas to be registrar; that from the  
 titles, she hoped she would be able to vindicate her childrens rights, D  
 against the deeds done by the Duke, by the influence of those about  
 him; that some time after this, she proposed to the deponent, that he  
 should go along with her to Douglas with the children, where she  
 was resolved to stay till she should have access to the Duke; that  
 some time after, she shewed the deponent a letter from a certain per-  
 son of distinction, desiring her to prosecute that scheme, but to go in  
 the plainest way, without any body but servants; that in the spring E  
 1753, she set out for Douglas with the two children, one or two  
 women-servants, her Ladyship's man-servant, and the deponent's ser-  
 vant; and it was agreed the deponent should come to Douglas three  
 days after, in case no word to the contrary came. Depones, that La-  
 dy Jane returned in two days, when she told the deponent she had  
 been advised by Mr. Hamilton, the minister, not to struggle the see-  
 ing of the Duke at that time more; that a favourable opportunity F  
 would soon offer, for having her children presented to his Grace.  
 Soon after this, Lady Jane was advised to go to London, when she  
 left the charge of her two children to her servant Tibby Walker,  
 now Mrs. Glas, and begged of the deponent, that he would advance  
 them a little money for their support; a day or two after Lady Jane  
 went away, the second son, Mr. Sholto, fevered and died; and as  
 none of the friends would concern themselves in the funerals, but La- G  
 dy.



**A** dy Mary Hamilton, he, the deponent, by Lady Mary Hamilton's direction, ordered the funerals, and paid the charge, of which he immediately wrote to Lady Jane, and about the same time advised her again of the story's being revived of her having bought the children, to impose upon the family of Douglas; to which he received an answer wrote by Sir John Stewart, and a postscript put to it by Lady Jane, dated the 2d of June 1753, which he now exhibits, and is marked by

**B** the deponent, and one of the judges, as relative hereto. Depones, that after Lady Jane Douglas's return from London, he frequently waited upon her, and at most times when he was with her, she talk'd always what would befall her child in the event of her death; that in November 1753, Lady Jane desired the deponent to give her a scroll of a settlement, by way of legacy, of her watch, and several small things, in favours of her son, the claimant, in testimony of her great regard

**C** for him; and the deponent exhibits a scroll, that was wrote out in presence of Lady Jane, in favours of the claimant, from which the deponent thinks he made out a full draught of a settlement, and gave it to Lady Jane, which he has been told she extended with her own hand, and that it was afterwards put into a trunk. And this is truth, as he shall answer to God. Signed, WILL. LOCH. FRAN. GIBB. WILL. MARSHALL. WAL. COLVILL.

**D**

Thereafter the report of the commission for taking Lady Wigton's oath, was openly read in court, and the commission and report themselves produced in the clerk's hands, of the tenor following:

*At Parkside, near Edinburgh, the 9th day of September 1761 years.*

**E** **I**N presence of Walter Colvill, one of the macers of the court of Session, specially empowered by commission from the saids macers, compeared Euphemia Countess-dowager of Wigton, aged forty and upwards, who being solemnly sworn, purged of malice and partial counsel, examined and interrogate, depones, That she was very well acquainted with the deceased Lady Jane Douglas, sister of the Duke of Douglas deceased, and that the said Lady Jane was reputed the wife of Sir John Stewart now of Grantully, Baronet, who formerly was designed, Colonel

**F** John Stewart; that the deponent came to Aix-la-Chapelle about the end of April 1748, and found the said Lady Jane and Sir John Stewart there, and they continued at that place for about a fortnight or three weeks, as the deponent thinks; that during the said space of their continuing at Aix-la-Chapelle, the deponent was every day, and almost constantly, with Lady Jane, who was then attended by Mrs. Hewit, and two maid-servants, named Tibby Walker and Effy Caw; at that time there were

**G** living with the deponent Miss Fleming Primrose, daughter of the late

Sir



Sir Archibald Primrose, and Mrs. Gregg, the deponent's gentlewoman; **A**  
 that when the deponent came to Aix-la-Chapelle, as above, she was told  
 by Mrs. Hewit, that Lady Jane was with child, and that the deponent  
 made no observations on Lady Jane's person, not doubting the truth of  
 her being with child, and it being generally reported in the place, by all  
 her acquaintances, that she was so; that the deponent joked Lady Jane  
 upon her being with child; and Lady Jane neither said pro nor con,  
 which the deponent imputed to her being very bashful and shy. De- **B**  
 pones, That it was generally believed among Lady Jane's acquaintances  
 at Aix-la-Chapelle, that she was then with child, and the deponent never  
 heard that any of them doubted of it. Depones, That Lady Jane and  
 Sir John went from Aix-la-Chapelle to Reims, as the deponent believes,  
 they having told the deponent, that they intended to go there; that  
 the deponent thinks, after they went away, Lady Jane wrote to her  
 from Reims, and both then, and before their leaving Aix-la-Chapelle, **C**  
 solicited the deponent to come and live at the same place with them;  
 that the deponent apprehended, and heard it said, that the reason of  
 Lady Jane and Sir John's leaving Aix-la-Chapelle, was, that Lady Jane  
 might have access to better assistance at her delivery, than could be had  
 at Aix-la-Chapelle; that the deponent did not hear that the dearth at  
 Aix-la-Chapelle was the cause of their leaving that place, but they told  
 her that Reims was a cheaper place, when they solicited the deponent **D**  
 to go there; that before they left Aix-la-Chapelle, Sir John told the de-  
 ponent that they might have occasion for money at Lady Jane's delive-  
 ry, and therefore asked the deponent the loan of fifty pounds, for  
 which sum she accordingly gave him credit on her banker there, and he  
 drew the same before he left the place; that some time thereafter, and,  
 as the deponent thinks in July, when the deponent had removed to  
 Spa, Sir John Stewart wrote to a gentleman at that place, desiring **E**  
 him to acquaint the deponent, that Lady Jane was delivered of two  
 sons, which that gentleman accordingly did; that in the end of that  
 season, about September or October, as the deponent thinks, the depo-  
 nent went to Reims, and found Lady Jane, Sir John, and their atten-  
 dants abovenamed, there, and also Lady Jane's son, the claimant, as she  
 believes, whom Lady Jane presented to the deponent as her son, and  
 told the deponent, that she had left the other son at Paris, with the sur- **F**  
 geon who attended at her delivery there, on account of the said  
 child's being weakly and tender; that the deponent believes she may  
 have heard, but does not remember, the name of the said surgeon. De-  
 pones, that the baptism of the child at Reims was delayed for some  
 time, till the deponent's arrival, in order that she might stand godmo-  
 ther at his baptism; that soon after the deponent came there, the said  
 child was baptized publickly in the parish-church by the parish-priest, **G**  
 as



- A** as the deponent believes ; that the deponent stood godmother at the baptism, and the late Lord Blantyre stood in person as a godfather, as did Baron Macilliccoat ; that there was a great concourse of people at the chapel, which the deponent believes proceeded from curiosity, because the child was born of protestant parents, and foreigners ; that the deponent supped with Lady Jane and Sir John that night, as did also the godfathers abovenamed, and a gentleman in the habit of a
- B** priest, who was said to be a bishop. Depones, That the deponent continued at Reims till about the month of February 1749, when she went to Paris ; that Lady Jane and Sir John continued at Reims all that time ; that some time before the deponent left Reims, she heard that Lady Jane had parted with child, that the deponent was told so by Mrs. Gregg, her own woman, who was sent by the deponent to enquire after Lady Jane's health, as she had not seen Lady Jane for some days,
- C** and had heard that she was ill ; that Mrs. Gregg, upon returning from that message, told the deponent, that she had been informed, as the deponent thinks, by Mrs. Hewit, that Lady Jane in walking home from the last visit she had made the deponent, had accidentally slipped her foot, or made a false step on the street, which had hurt her, and occasioned her miscarrying ; that, at this time, the deponent was indisposed, and she did not see Lady Jane for some time thereafter, but does
- D** not remember how long ; that while Lady Jane was at Reims, she commonly was called Madam Douglas-Stewart. Depones, That the deponent returned to England about the year 1751, as she thinks, and frequently saw Lady Jane and Sir John at London, and saw the two children, Archibald and Sholto, whom Lady Jane presented to the deponent as her sons, and treated them in an affectionate way, as such ; that the deponent was told, that Sholto had only been christened by the midwife,
- E** and, upon hearing it, she signified her surprize to Lady Jane, that he had not been regularly baptized, and was told, that it was owing to his weak state, he had only been so christened by the midwife ; that after the deponent had talked of that subject to Lady Jane, she, Lady Jane, came one day to the deponent's house at Hampstead, and brought along with her the said child, Mrs. Hewit, and a clergyman, who the deponent believed was a Scotsman, and there the said child was
- F** baptized by him, and named Sholto, the deponent standing godmother to him. Depones, That the said Sholto was extremely like Lady Jane ; and that the deponent was acquainted with Lady Jane several years before that she saw her abroad. And depones, that Lady Jane died at Edinburgh, as she heard, before the deponent's return to Scotland ; and she heard, that the said child, Sholto, died also in Scotland before Lady Jane. And this is truth as she shall answer to God. (Signed) E.
- G** WIGTOUNE. WAL. COLVILL.

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Then Mr. James Montgomery represented, that the claimant rested the proof of the several heads of the brieve, upon the evidence which had been already adduced, and moved to the court, that they would enquire at the council or doers for Duke Hamilton and Earl of Selkirk, who had appeared in this service, if they had any proof to offer, or any thing to say against the claimant's being served; Mr. William Johnston, of council for the Duke of Hamilton, thereupon declared, he demanded no proof on the part of his client, and no person appearing to object, after due proclamation made by the officer of the court, the said inquest took inspection of the said commission, acceptance on the back thereof, brieves, and execution thereof, precept for executing the brieves, and citing the inquest, and execution thereof, diligence for proving the propinquity and execution thereof, procuratory, remit, commission for taking Lady Wigton's oath, and report thereof, claim of service and instructions thereof, and the acts of court of the said service, and whole process thereof; and finding all orderly proceeded and legally done, and, after calling of all parties having, or pretending to have interest, three several times, as use is, and none compearing to object in the contrair, they being well and ripely advised, all in one voice, without variance or discrepance, by the mouth of their said chancellor, served, and hereby serve, the said Archibald Stewart, now Douglas, nearest and lawful heir of tailzie and provision in general to the said deceased Archibald Duke of Douglas, his uncle, in virtue of the disposition and tailzie of the dukedom of Douglas and others, dated the 11th and registrate in the books of Session the 21st days of July 1761, made and granted by the said Duke, in favours of himself, and the heirs whatsoever of his body; whom failing, the heirs whatsoever of the body of the said deceased James Marquis of Douglas, his father; whom failing, certain other heirs therein mentioned, affirmative, conform to the claim and instructions thereof produced; and ordained, and hereby ordains, the said service, with the brieves inclosed, to be returned to the chancery, under the clerk of court his hand, in due and competent form; whereupon, and upon all and fundry the premises, the said Mr. James Burnet and Mr. James Montgomery, as procurators for, and in name and behalf of, the said Archibald Stewart, now Douglas, and his tutors, asked acts of court, and took instruments. And to which verdict of the said inquest, and deliverance above written, the said judges interponed, and hereby interpose their authority, and ordains the same to be retoured, in manner above-specified; whereupon the said Mr. James Burnet and Mr. James Montgomery also took instruments. (Signed) FRAN. GIBB. WILL. MARSHALL.

H.

CLAIM



A

CLAIM of ARCHIBALD DOUGLAS of Douglas, Esquire,  
as heir of tailzie and provision to his Grace ARCHIBALD,  
late Duke of Douglas, his uncle.

B HONourable persons and good men of inquest, I Archibald  
Stewart, now Douglas of Douglas, Esquire, only son in life  
procreate of the marriage betwixt Sir John Stewart of Grantully, Ba-  
ronet, and the deceased Lady Jane Douglas, only daughter of the de-  
ceased James Marquis of Douglas, and sister-german to Archibald, late  
Duke of Douglas, my uncle, say unto your wisdoms, that the said Archi-  
bald Duke of Douglas died at the faith and peace of our sovereign lord

C the king; that I am nearest and lawful heir of tailzie and provision in  
general to the said Archibald Duke of Douglas, my uncle, in virtue of a  
disposition and tailzie of the dukedom of Douglas and others, dated the  
11th, and registrate in the books of Session the 21st days of July, 1761,  
made and granted by the said Archibald, late Duke of Douglas, in fa-  
vours of himself and the heirs whatsoever of his body; whom fail-  
ing, the heirs whatsoever of the body of the said deceased James Marquis

D of Douglas, his father; whom failing, certain other heirs therein men-  
tioned; and that I am of lawful age. Herefore, I beseech your wis-  
doms to serve and cognosce me nearest and lawful heir of tailzie and  
provision in general to the said deceased Archibald Duke of Douglas,  
my uncle, in virtue of the disposition and tailzie above mentioned, and  
to report my service to his Majesty's Chancery, under the most part of  
your hands and seals, as use is.

E

And your wisdoms answer.

(Signed) JA. BURNET.

*At Edinburgh the 9th of September, 1761 years.*

F THE which day the whole persons of inquest, being all solemnly  
sworn, received and admitted to pass upon the service of the  
brieves, purchased forth of our Sovereign Lord's Chancery, to the ef-  
fect above mentioned, and having seen and considered the same, with  
the verifications thereof, and being well and ripely advised therewith,  
all in one voice, without variance or discrepance, by the mouth of  
Archibald Murray of Murrayfield, Esquire, one of their number, e-  
lected and chosen by them in Chancellor, served and serve the said  
Archibald Stewart, now Douglas, nearest and lawful heir of tailzie  
and provision in general to the said deceased Archibald Duke of Dou-  
glas, his uncle, in virtue of the disposition and tailzie above mention-  
ed,

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ed, *affirmative*, conform to the above claim and instructions thereof <sup>A</sup> produced; whereupon Mr. James Burnet, advocate, as procurator for, and in name and behalf of the said Archibald Stewart, now Douglas, asked acts of court, and took instruments. (Signed,) ARCH. MURRAY, Chancellor. WILL. MARSHALL. FRAN. GIBB.

LETTERS produced by, and referred to in Mrs. <sup>B</sup> Hepburn's deposition.

Letter Sir John Stewart to Mrs. Hepburn.

Dear Madam,

<sup>C</sup>WE are this day favored with yours of the 21st July. I would have wrote since my last of the 10th July, but recolecting that Lambino was to go to Spa, and from that to Holland, knew not how to direct for you. So this must take its fate, to the care of the post-master, though it contains the best news I ever gave you. Lady Jane was brought-to-bed of two boys the evening of the last day I wrote to you; but as there is no joy in this life without some alloy, the one is so puny and weak, it scarce had life, but by help of warm wine, a <sup>D</sup> very good nurse, and country air, still lives, and may possibly do well. But be that as God pleases, the other promises as well as ever child did, which she keeps under her eye, with a fine nurse, after changing three; had he not been strong naturally, it was enough to have killed him; but far from it, he is whole and sturdy, sleeps and sucks without intermission, and the angel herself recovers to a wish; it is true, we are obliged to conceal the tenderness of the youngest until she is <sup>E</sup> quite well. Madam, here is more and better tidings than you deserve, since you do not think fit to give us a distinct way of addressing letters for you. I am glad to know my juniper-tea has done so well with my friend; and am studying to find a recipe to keep your head right to; upon receiving this letter, I have found it; please remember Mr. Hepburn, with many of your best friends, as far from home; there is a cooling drawbak, I am afraid, will more than answer. <sup>F</sup>

I am pleased you have Mr. Gordon of Couberdy with you; he is an honest and worthy gentleman, and ye will comfort one another.

Lady Jane and Mrs. Hewit join me in their compliments and best wishes to you and your agreeable family; make mine to Mr. Gordon, and believe me, Madam, notwithstanding of some jarrings,

Your sincere friend and most humble servant,

AUGUST 6th, 1748.

JOHN STEWART. <sup>G</sup>  
Send



**A** Send a distinct address, and my next shall be long, to tire you, when I am more at leisure.

Addressed thus—*A Madame Madame Hepburne, au soin du maitre du port à Liege*—The post-mark thereon is DAMARTIN.

**B** Letter Lady Jane Douglas to Mrs. Hepburn.

*Reims, 11th October, 1748.*

**I** Ought long before this to have wrote to you, my dear Madam, and acknowledged the grateful sense I have of the kind part you take in my concerns, which with pleasure I see expressed with so much warmth in all your letters; nothing but too great a share of laziness occasioned this ill-timed silence, when I had such two friends as you and Mr. Hepburn are, to return my thanks to, and to acquaint them with this truth, that none can put a higher value upon their friendship, or be with more sincere affection and esteem, theirs, than I am. I had some thoughts of going in the spring to Boulogne, this place being not near so cheap as was represented, and, without compliment, you and your family being there, was a chief motive, but your intention of leaving it, makes me pretty indifferent about it, unless it be a mighty cheap place. Let me know when you favour me with a letter.

Your friend, Mr. Stewart, is gone the day before yesterday to see little Sholto, who is still mighty weak and tender, though rather somewhat revived, and better, I hear, within these few weeks. Mr. Stewart took the opportunity of going along with Baron Macillicoat, who was obliged to go to Paris about some affairs; he returns again in a fortnight or three weeks, if you or Mr. Hepburn have any commands for him to execute while he is at Paris, let me know, and I shall write to him about it; you know he'll be fond to serve you. Since you're so good's to interest yourself about me, I know you'll be satisfied to hear that your young friend, little Archibald, continues still, I bless God, both strong and well.—You have put Madam Hewit on her high horse by not answering her letter; however she offers you and your family her compliments; and I am to you, my dear Madam, to Mr. Hepburn, and your two dear girls, a most sincere, affectionate and faithful humble servant,

JANE DOUGLAS-STEWART.

Addressed thus—*A Monsieur Monsieur Theodore Hay banquier, pour faire tenir à Madame Hepburn à Boulogne sur mer.*

Letter



## Letter Mrs. Hewitt to Mrs. Hepburn.

My dear Madem,

Decemr 21, 1748.

**Y**OU may very justly think me most onkind, 'in being so long of writing, but, after hearing me, you will think I have had too good reason. Forst, I have been ill this six weeks with my old troble, **B** the gout, as the Coll calles it, so that I never was able to go out; and you most know, my dr Madem, to add to my troble, Lady Jane is been ill these three weeks, tho now, blist be God, she is pretty well, but very weak; you most know, she was in as good a way as you and I could a wisht, the mater of ten weeks, and my Lady Wigton being ell, and taking medicens, obliged her to go oft to see her, and, coming home, her foot slipt, and, to save herself from falling, wrampt **C** her back, and did not tell me when she came home, or I wold had her bled derictly; and the next day she fell ell with a witness, which is quite brock my heart, and, I am pretty fure, will make you very forryfule, and all that wishes her well and her family. I cannot help saying to you, I wish Lady Wigton had been a hunder milles af; Oh! how oft have I wisht you and your family in her place! how happy should we a' been, tho', I must own, she is a gay body. My Lady **D** and the Cole joines me, in wishen Mr. Hepburn and you joy in the appearance of your being a grandmother, likewise in your daughter-in-law. May all happinness atend you all, and a good husband to Ms. Anny, who is a great favurete of Lady Jane's and mine. I know you will be fond to know, how our dear lambs are; Archy is the lovelyft creature iver was seen, and ivery week we get better and better accounts of letell dr Sholto. Archy had a letell teething brash, **E** and, what was pretty odd, Sholto had it at the same time, but as yet none of them is got out any teeth. Now, as you cannot well trip it down in a winter's evening, I expect a long leter. Lady Jane and the Cole gaves ther most affectionate compliments to Mr. Hepburn & you, Ms. Anny. I do most sincerely the same, and am,

My dr Madem,

**F**

Your most affectionate humble servint,

HELEN HEWITT.



A

LETTERS produced by, and referred to in Mrs.  
GLASS's oath.

Letter Mrs. Hewitt to Effy Caw and Tibby Walker.

B

Dear Tibby and Effe,

**T**HIS will be the welcomest letter iver eny of you recved. The last day I writ to you, Tibby, I told you, your mrs. was very well, as I thoght, so far from that she had been ill the wholl neght, and sad not a word tell tuall a klok, which was 4 ours after your letter wint af; then, I think, she was in soch a way, as I could wisht not to a been witness to, tho, I do belive, many is been worc with on, and she produced 2 lovely boys. You may belive the confusion I have been in sinc, haven no thoght of more then wan, tho Tibby Walker was so moch a conjuererour, as to tell me, she thoght she was with two, still my thoghts joined Effe's; they are two lovely ceters, but the yongst very finall and weakly, so the doctor beght he might be sent to the country as soun as possible. Your mr and I had to go not a litell way befor we got a right nurse that we ould pert with him to, at last we got on of the clinest best woman iver you sa, a farmer's wife, so, I hop, he shall do very well; he agreeing so well, we was fond to find the other, who is a very stordy peace. Som days after your mr wint out to see him, and found the nurse dronk, apon which he fint the coach for me, and we brought him with hos. We have got a feen milk woman, tell we geet a right norc, for your mr and mrs is resolved, he shall never go out of ther sight. She is recovering most surprisngly well, not on back-going howr; so soun as the ninth day was over, ther was no confiningn her longer to her bed, the heat being so vilint. In short, Tibby and Effe, all is to a wish; but I am in such confusion, and is so hurryd tell we get a right norc, that I can say no more, bot shall writ to you soun. You are both kindly remembert, and I am, both.

R

Your frinds and well-wishers,

HELEN HEWITT.

I have thoght it two months since I left you all.—The hurry I was in last writin, I blive, I dated my letter the 11, instead of the 10, which was the happy day. Adeu, dr Tibby. Mrs. Andrws gives a very good account of you both, and says, you are going finely on in the French. Mind us finely to her.

G

Paris, July 22.

Letter



## Letter Mrs. Hewit to Tibby Walker.

A

Dear Tibby,

Paris, 26th July 1748.

**J**OUST as I was set down to writ to you, I got yours, writ on the same day I wrot to you, which was the 21st day, tellen you the happy neus. Inded, Tibby, I could not possably writ souner, if you know the conseushon we have been in, geeting two, when we expected on, nurces to seek; the yongst lovely dear very weak, and dorst not tell her. In short, Tibby, I have not time to tell you all I have had to do. I mind you both moch, and is thoght it 3 months sence I leat you. My fot was nevver out, but onc with her to geet the air, so I know as letell of the place as you do. Indid, since she was broght-to-beed, Mr. Stewrt and I is been oft out of town, tell we got nurces. I have hopes the yongest will still do well; but the stordy velen with hos is ten all from him, and ell lock pour man, he is had to his nurces, but is at last got a fean on, and he not a beet the worc. She is recoveret to a wonder, not indid without the greatest care. She is stell very weak, and her doctor is ordert her to be ten to the country in eight days, to make her perfectly fit for her journey home. She was foly resolved to a sint for you both, the time she was to stay, but as the doctor is positave he will have her to the country, this being jost Edinburgh, no air, houses all close to one anether, and she being resolved, please God, to come here in the spring with Lady Wigton, at which time you will all come together. She is soch a good opinion of you both, as to think the disappointment of not coming here jost now, will be small, as she is to return in a few months here again. Your month is out Tuesday next; tell Mrs. Andres, if they will not fate it weekly, to take it for another month, suppose you should but stay the half, as I hop we shall be soun with you, for her purc pays soundly here. She minds you both kindly, and does not wonder at both your anxieties; for she wonders she is alive herself, after what she has undergone. Our kind servis to Mr. and Mrs. Andres. Adeu dear Tibby.

HELEN HEWITT.

## Letter Mrs. Hewit to Tibby Walker.

F

Dear Tibby,

12th August 1748.

**I** Had both your leters 2 days ago, but I find you cannot rid my writ; for I writ to you long ago, that the youngest boy was very small and weak, and that we was in great fears about him, but did not let your Lady know the worst. We got at the first a fine nurse for him which was no small mercy, for he had not strength to a subsisted; but she



**A** she wold not go along with hos, if we would have gaven her a honder pound; so he most be lift to her care. Mr. Stewrt is seeing him jost now, and I got a leter this day, tellen he hopes he will dow very well, and that the nurse is the most carefoll womin he iver sa, and that he is now queet content to live him with her. For our dear letell man that is with hos, he has been the most unlucky pour dr in his nurfes; noles has he had than five, all good milks, but base jades would not come

**B** along with us for love nor mony. We was in such a way, that Mr. Stewart was to a-gon to Reims, and brought up on with him, when luckily we got this womin, who cam from Sedan to the shiring, her hosbont and her, and she was very glad; so we have her hosbont and child to bring along with hos, and glad to do it; and in spite of all that he is the statelest lovest dear iver you sa. I may say I have been his nurse; for I have never been a whole night in my bed. Indid, Ti-

**C** by, if you knew all I have had to do, you would wonder indeed how I have held out. I long moch for rist; and with all the toil I have had, is obliged to wash and dres all her letell things and my oen. I was beg in the hopes to a been with you Sunday next, but know not now till Mr. Stewrt com home; but by the end of the week cause pot on fires a day or 2: if we come not on Sunday, write to me that night. You may tell Mr. Mackenzie, or any body you pleis, of your Lady's be-

**D** ing broght to beed now, for her Laps is writ it to her brother last week, which was the sounest she was eble: so sinc he is acquainted with it, ther is no need for keeping it a secret. She is most anxious to be with you, though stell very weak; and indid, Tiby, you will stell geet her to coker. She minds you both kindly, as I do. Adeu dear Tiby.

HELEN HEWIT.

**F** LETTERS produced by, and referred to in the deposition of, Mr. William Hamilton minister at Douglas.

Letter Lady Jane Douglas to Mr. William Hamilton minister at Douglas.

Sir,

Reims, 26th March, N. S. 1749.

**F** **T**HE favourable opinion I formed of your candour and worth, from my early acquaintance with the excellence of your morals and piety, inclines me, whilst unhappily at such distance from home, to shew you my remembrance of you and my other friends, and regret, that I can, at present, expect no other communication with home, but in an epistolary way, and even in that, I have had the most mortifying discouragement, by having no return to two letters I wrote my dear brother, one April the 10th, the other August 7th, acquainting

**G** his Grace with my change of state, and happy consequences of it.

Sometimes



Sometimes I fondly flatter myself, that his answers may have miscarried, but as that is improbable, my fears resume their place, and make me apprehend his unkind silence proceeds from the resentment remains with him, of our first and only misunderstanding, which I heartily regret, and protest, before God, I never intended. This is a subject I never touch upon with others, but chooses thus far to unbosom my conscience to my old friend, in his reverend character, who, I am sure, will make no wrong use of knowing my greatest misfortune, which I should wish were secret to the rest of mankind. A  
B

One of my motives to giving you this trouble is, in hopes to have the satisfaction, at least, by the best second-hand, to hear of my brother's welfare, from time to time, until God, in his great goodness, will incline his heart to soften, so far, to his loving and only sister, as to give her that welcome news from the fountain-head. When I left Aix-la-Chapelle last summer, I set out for Switzerland, upon the lake of Geneva, where I proposed to have found a double advantage, a cheap country, and free exercise of the Protestant religion, but found I was unable to make so long a journey, in the state I was then in, so was necessitate to stop here, where I am obliged now to stay, until the young ones are able to travel, and I am in circumstances to move, with so numerous a family, to where I can reap these advantages; God only knows when that may be, to whose holy will I am wholly resigned, bearing up with hope of recovering my brother's lost favour, and my own œconomy, to which last, until now, I never gave sufficient attention. C  
D

The eldest, Archibald, is strong and promising, and was from his birth. Poor Sholto we gave up for lost, from the feeble condition he came to the world in, but, by being lucky in an excellent nurse, gains ground, and we hope may do well, now the favourable season comes on, and they are past eight months old. I have been the more full on these particulars to you, knowing the interest you take in all that concerns our family. I am, Sir, with very much esteem, your most humble servant, JANE DOUGLAS-STEWART. E

When you send an answer to this to the post-office, please cause put in a groat or sixpence with it, which is the method of foreign letters, else they don't go safe. I offer my most regardful and most affectionate compliments to my brother; Mr. Stewart presents also his to his Grace, in the most respectful manner. F

When you write, direct for me *A Reims en Champagne, par Londres*.

Pray make my compliments to Mrs. Hamilton and to Mrs. Grizel Douglas.



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## Letter Lady Jane Douglas to Mrs. Hamilton.

Dear Madam,

Chelsea, 11th November 1751.

**T**HE opportunities I sometimes had, of seeing Mr. Hamilton during his stay at London, gave me the most sensible satisfaction, and I cannot avoid regretting extremely, that his duty necessarily called **B** him from thence so soon. In this I own myself selfish, which I don't imagine you will very much approve, though it is much in fashion now. I had by Mr. Hamilton the pleasure to hear, that my brother was in perfect good health, which I sincerely wish may long continue, with every other happiness that can possibly be agreeable or satisfactory to him.

My brother has debarred Mr. Hamilton from writing to me; and from **C** receiving my letters, I take this way then, Madam, of enquiring after good Mr. Hamilton's health, and yours and your family's, and of sending you all my best and most affectionate compliments, if I might, at the same time, venture to send my warmest and best wishes, and dutiful respects to my brother; they constantly attend him, but to make offer of them, I know would not be accepted of, therefore mighty improper to be presented to him; I must even content myself with wishing **D** him all manner of happiness, and with the pleasure it gives me every time I hear of his welfare. I don't mean to boast of this, I only mention it as a truth, and as what every tolerably well turned mind will reckon their duty; and though his Grace chooses still to continue unkind to me, it has not, nor never shall have influence to alter my regardful tenderness for him, which I shall take every occasion to demonstrate; and I persuade myself, it will give him no cause of displeasure, that I commence a correspondence with you, which I hope you **E** will approve and indulge me in. I intend to be very punctual in writing, and I make no doubt that you will be so too, and will favour me to believe that I truly am, with sincere friendship and esteem, dear madam, your most humble servant, JANE DOUGLAS-STEWART.

Mrs. Hewit offers Mrs. Hamilton her best compliments. The children are very well, I bless God. I shall reckon them happy in their **F** having an interest in Mr. Hamilton's prayers.

I have not neglected, nor shall not neglect, to recommend Mr. Hamilton, upon every proper occasion, to those that have interest and power to serve him.

I cannot close this letter without sending my affectionate humble service to Mr. Kennedy, to Nisbet and his family, and to Mr. Paton **G** and to his agreeable spouse, my dear Cicie Hamilton; their son I have never



never seen, since you was so good's to bring him to see me, but I'm A  
out of town, and the days are short, so I easily excuse it.

Letter Lady Jane Douglas, to Mr. William Hamilton Minister at  
Douglas.

Sir,

I Have not words to express the grief your letter of the 31st January B  
gave me. The contents were so moving, the loss so unexpected,  
so great and irreparable, I felt, and still feel, all your sorrows deeply,  
yet in how small a degree in comparison of yours ! This consideration  
affects me the more, as it sets your grief and distress in the justest,  
strongest light, representing it so far greater, so much beyond what  
any the most tender, sympathizing heart can possibly suffer upon this  
sad, this afflicting occasion. May that God, who alone can sustain C  
and heal the wounded heart, support yours, and enable you to bear up  
with resolution and resignation, under this severe and awful stroke. I  
have dwelt too long on this mournful subject, which I certainly would  
have avoided, but that I know sorrows like yours can suffer no addi-  
tion, by being spoke or wrote upon. Pray God yours may every day  
decrease ; and I beg you, dear Mr. Hamilton, not to indulge them too  
much, it will impair your health, put your life in danger, and then, D  
what will become of your dear children : let this thought prevail with  
you to banish unavailing grief, as far away as it is possible.

I'm extremely glad to hear of my brother's being in good health,  
and I very sincerely and heartily wish the continuance of it. I dare  
say, he'll be in great concern for your late loss, and administer all the  
comfort to you in his power.

I have not once lost sight of the affair that concerns you, and that E  
you and I talked together about, when you were at London.—Nothing  
in my power shall be wanting ; but, alas ! my power and interest is  
but very small. I wish my brother would give you his. Sure you  
may try him ; and when you're in such affliction, is it possible he  
can refuse you any thing ? far less so small a demand. Interest should  
be speedily made, for some of the immediate C . . . ns are very old.

I hope you'll favour me, as often as you can conveniently, with a F  
letter. I do assure you I set a great value upon such a correspon-  
dent ; and I truly am, with the most perfect esteem and friendship,

Sir,

Your most obliged,

Chelsea,

and most humble servant,

4th March, 1752.

JANE DOUGLAS-STEWART.

Mr. Stewart begs me to send you his respectful and most affectionate G  
compliments,



**A** compliments, and hopes you'll do him the justice to believe, that you have all his sympathy and concern with you, in your present melancholy situation. Mrs. Hewit joins us both in hearty concern for you, and sends you her best compliments. The children are very well, I bless God. Allow me to recommend them, and us all, to your prayers.

Letter Lady Jane Douglas to Mr. William Hamilton, Minister at Douglas.

**B** Rev. Sir, Edinburgh, 19th October 1752.  
**I** Have taken the liberty to write a long letter, by this post, to my brother, which occasions my giving you the trouble of this, to intreat you to interest yourself so far in my favours, as to enforce, with your happily more persuasive arguments, the request I have made his Grace, which is, to be allowed to bring the papers which I received from Cavers Douglas some years ago, and to put them into the Duke  
**C** of Douglas's own hands myself, as I had the honour to receive them in his presence; and in my brother's hearing, Cavers declared, that they were papers which belonged only to me, and that none other whatsoever had any right to them. In this persuasion, I made a struggle many years ago, to keep them entirely in my own custody; but now that my brother still insists on having them, I freely resign them to him, having never disputed his will and pleasure at any time;  
**D** only I think it but reasonable, to beg to be permitted to put them myself into his own hands, as I came to Scotland on purpose to ask his pardon, for any part of my conduct that might have offended his Grace, and if admitted to wait upon him, to have taken that opportunity to have cleared myself, from some malicious aspersions, carried to his ears against me, as also, to have made offer of these papers  
**E** (which I did think, and still does think, to be my own) to his Grace, if he still insisted upon having them. You will therefore, I beg you, Sir, intreat of my brother to grant me this favour, and assure his Grace of my affectionate regard, best wishes and respects; and believe me to be, Reverend Sir, with great truth,

Your most humble servant, JANE DOUGLAS-STEWART.

**F** When I left Scotland, I put my papers into a friend's hand, who is not yet come to town; when they do, I shall have the papers in readiness for his Grace's commands.

Letter Lady Jane Douglas to Mr. William Hamilton, Minister at Douglas.

Rev. Sir,

Hope-park, 8th December 1752.

**G I** Received the favour of both your letters: that just on my arrival in Edinburgh, and the other some weeks ago. It gives me inexpressible



fible pain, to find by them, that my brother continues still inflexible; **A** nay, seems to be more than ever incensed against me, notwithstanding that I have made him all the submissions, by writing in the most humble, as well as affectionate manner, and in giving up my papers, which were of great consequence and advantage to me to have kept; yet, to please him, I have resigned them, without being compelled by any other motive, than my inclination to do every thing that might contribute to his satisfaction, if happily, by these concessions, I might **B** gain back his favour again, which is all my desire, and the utmost of my wishes. Let him give his riches to whom he pleases, even to those that meanly and dishonourably court him for it,—amazing that he does not see through their selfish views, so manifest to all the world besides, and which every wise and honest man have in the utmost abhorrence and detestation! I pray God to open his eyes, and to pardon those that are going on in such dishonest and wicked practices: they **C** are as much my brother's enemies as mine, who conduct themselves in this manner.

I must acquaint you with a pretty odd procedure in Mr. Archibald Stuart. I gave him my papers to deliver to my brother: Mr. Stuart received them from my hands with remarkable transports of joy: a very strange demonstration to shew before me, who must suffer so much in my interest by delivering them up. But this is the time of **D** my suffering all kind of distresses, even insults too.

Mr. Stuart promised, without my desiring it of him, to use his warmest endeavours to persuade my brother to restore to me the 30,000 merks which he had formerly made me a present of, which paper I gave up amongst the rest. He also assured me he would do all in his power to incline my brother to restore back the 300 l. withheld these few years past. I thanked Mr. Stuart for these fair promises, and de- **E** fired him to press that matter no farther than he could do it safely for himself, not to incur my brother's displeasure by any act of friendship done to me; begged him to make me a report how things went, at his return from Douglas-castle; but, so far from complying with that just and reasonable request, he has never once come near me, nor sent me one single line, though I reposed so much trust in him as to give him my papers to deliver to my brother, which I gave to Stuart on **F** the 27th of October, and now it is the 8th of December. I am not ready to suspect, or to put bad constructions upon any person's way of acting; but this conduct of Stuart's must occasion various thoughts. When I enquire what this gentleman is about, that occupies him so much, that he does not find time to behave with common civility and decency where it is due, the answer I receive is, he is constantly down in the Abbey, consulting and contriving matters with the Duke **G**

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- A** of Hamilton, whose behaviour to me I suppose you are not ignorant of; but in case you should, I shall here give you a description of it. Upon the Dutcheſs of Hamilton's coming to town, I attempted to pay her a viſit, but was reſuſed acceſs, which ſurpriſed me a good deal, and yet more, when a gentleman, ſome time after, came and told me, the reaſon of it was, that the Duke of Hamilton had wrote to my brother, demanding of him in what manner he ſhould behave, in caſe the
- B** Duke of Douglas's ſiſter were to offer a viſit to the Dutcheſs of Hamilton; to this letter my brother's anſwer was, that he did not pretend to dictate to the Duke of Hamilton, but as he reſolved never to ſee his ſiſter, he would take it well and kindly, if the Duke of Hamilton did not ſee her. This letter of my brother's Duke Hamilton ſhewed the gentleman who told me what paſſed, which, amongſt other things, this noble Duke ſaid, it was very ſtrange that Lady Jane ſhould endeavour to force a viſit where it could do no ſervice to her, and a great deal of hurt to him.—Such ſentiments!—the reaſon why Lady Jane honoured the Dutcheſs of Hamilton with a viſit was, becauſe ſhe could not imagine the Duke, her ſpouſe, was half ſo mean and wicked as he has ſhewed himſelf to be, nor that the Duke of Douglas was ſo weak and eaſily impoſed upon. My brother little imagines that he is the dupe in this matter, and the ſubject of Duke Hamilton's, and all
- D** his little creatures deriſion, while all the good and wiſe part of mankind grieve and lament to ſee the head of ſuch an ancient and noble a houſe fallen ſo low. But I have filled up my paper, and dwelt too long on this ſubject: I leave it for a much better, to enquire after your valuable health, which I hope is long ere now quite eſtabliſhed. The complaints you made of it in your firſt letter, gave me a very ſenſible pain and concern; pray take care of yourſelf; you have a family beſides a
- E** flock to look after.

The Marquis of Lothian, I hear, has ſeveral months ago paid a viſit at Douglas-caſtle: I apprehend he has done hurt likewise to me with my brother; for his Lordſhip, for ſome years paſt, I have found to be no friend to me. Let me know what your thoughts are of this noble Lord, and I will write you more fully my opinion of him next occaſion: and let me know what you think of Stuart's conduct.—If

- F** any has repreſented me in a bad light to my brother, it is hard he won't permit me to clear myſelf, which I could eaſily do, would he but allow me to be ſo happy as to ſee him, or to read my letters. I would offer him here my moſt reſpectful and moſt affectionate compliments; but, perhaps, you dare not venture to own I have wrote to you; and yet he can't be angry that I have forced a letter upon you. Let him then know that I love and regard him, notwithstanding



standing the manner he has chosen to act towards me. Adieu, reverend Sir, I am, with great esteem and friendship,

Your most humble servant,

JANE DOUGLAS-STEWART.

My dear little ones, Archy and Sholto, are, I bless God, in very good health. I beg your prayers for them and me, which I set a high value upon. B

Mrs. Hewit sends you her best compliments and good wishes.

My address is at Hope-park, near Edinburgh, to the care of Mr. Walter Colvill, at his house at the foot of Niddery's-wynd.

LETTER produced, and referred to, in the deposition of Mr. WILLIAM LOCH, Writer in Edinburgh. C

Letter Sir John Stewart to Mr. Loch.

S I R,

London, 2d June 1753.

I Had the favour of yours of 22d ultimo, and had acknowledged it sooner, but that I was shewed, at the same time, yours to Mrs. Nelly, with its strange contents. D

As to our obligations to you, Sir, on this melancholy occasion, as well as on many others, Lady Jane and I have the justest sense of, and hope soon to be able to give you convincing proofs of it, though it will not be easy to make suitable returns to favours done in such a way as much more than doubles the obligation, however great in itself; all we can offer at present is hearty thanks for all, particularly this last kind demonstration of your friendship and regard; the will of Heaven must be submitted to; happy is it to have such a friend, when so unexpected and terrible a shock happens; of all poor dear Lady Jane has met with, no one ever affected and hurt her so much as the death of this dear infant; but I hope, time, with her Christian philosophy, will bring her soon to bear more easily what cannot be helped; and indeed the account you give (so obligingly) of the health and behaviour of dear little Archy, on the occasion, should help much towards giving her relief in her present distress of mind, which too much has affected her health. What you write of good Mr. Stuart's conversation with your friend, on the villainous stories, have been invented at Hamilton, and spread at Douglas, to poison the D. with wrong notions of his sister, is very surprising; but my having heard something before of the villainy and audacious attempts the interested villain, and his corrupt adherents, had made, to rob Lady Jane of hon- G  
nor,



**A** nor, truth, and character, makes this fresh forgery less surprising, as I know them capable of but every thing that is false, so that it can but contribute to aggrandize their worthless idol.

I even think it lucky, their attempting to forge the letter has been shewed to the Duke, as coming from General Count Douglas, as he had a cousin here, the Chevalier Douglas, at this time, who has been acquainted with what is laid in the Count's name, who is desired, and, **B** no doubt, will write to Lady Jane, and inclose a letter for Duke of D——s in hers, shewing the forgery of the pretended letter. This, kind Providence has, perhaps, made use of, to let his Grace see what villains he has about him, who, from intrested views to aggrandize a family, whose interest is, and ever has been, directly oposit to that of his noble family, which has been robbed by the other formerly, of valuable papers, jewels, pictures, &c. &c. and now are attempting, (by **C** making his Grace believe the grossest falsehoods) to dishonour his family, in attacking the honour, truth, and virtue and character of his only sister, knowing that, by a fatal misunderstanding with her brother, she is deprived of an opportunity of detecting their monstrous villainy to the Duke, and proving her own honour, virtue, truth, and tender affection and regard to her only brother.

She is hardly situated, by the Duke's refusing to see her, but that will **D** come about in God's good time, when her honour and truth will triumph over villainy and scandalous aspersions, to the confusion of the rascally authors of it.

I beg you may see Archy as often as your affairs will allow, as Maclellan's is but a little way from town, and, at your leisure-hours, favour us with a few lines, which will add to the many favours we already lie under. I am, Sir, with great esteem,

**E** Your much obliged friend, and most obedient humble servant,  
JO. STEWART.

Postscript thereto, from Lady Jane.

My distress is great, but I am far from repining; it would ill become me to murmur at what Providence is pleased to order. Accept of my most grateful acknowledgments for all the instances you have shewn of **F** friendship on this sad occasion. Adieu, Sir, none in the world can have more grateful hearts to Mr. Loch, than Mr. Stewart and JANE DOUGLAS-STEWART.

L A T T E R.



A

LATTER-WILL intended to have been execute by Lady Jane Douglas-Stewart, wrote from her diction by Mr. Loch, 12th November 1753, produced by Mr. Loch, and referred to in his deposition.

I Lady Jane Douglas-Stewart, sister-german to his Grace Archibald B Duke of Douglas, do, in the event of my decease, leave and bequeathe to Mr. Archibald Stewart, my only son, procreate of the marriage betwixt me and John Stewart, Esquire, brother-german to Sir George Stewart of Gartilly, Baronet, my gold repeating-watch, with a steel-chain, seals, picture, and a locket, a tweezer with blue stones set in silver, a silver tooth-pick-case, a ring with four small diamonds, a ring with two small pictures, a saphire ring with two small diamonds, a C plain small gold ring, a small amethyst ring, three little snuff-boxes, a gold horn, two gold small medals, a amethyst buckle, two pair gold buttons, a dozen of silver forks, knives and spoons, and a dividing-spoon.

And I legate and bequeathe to Mrs. Helen Hewit, all my body-cloaths and wearing-apparel of the best sort, and I bequeathe the inferior sort to Isabel Walker my servant, who has been very faithful to me. D

And in case of my death, and the government continuing the pension upon Archibald Stewart my son, I desire and require him, to pay to the said Mrs. Helen Hewit one hundred guineas.

Note on the back of the above latter-will.

Archibald and Sholto Stewarts were born 10th July 1748, in Madam La Brune's house, Sanbourg St. Germain, Paris, present Mr. Peter La E Marr, man-midwife, Madam La Brune, her daughter, a widow lady who lodged in the house, and Mrs. Helen Hewit.

LETTERS produced and referred to in the deposition of Mr. George Lindsay, depute-town-clerk of Edinburgh. E

Extract of the register of baptisms of the parish of St. James's at Reims.

Extrait des registre des baptêmes de la paroisse de St. Jacques de Reims.

L'AN mil sept cent quarrante huit, le vigint deuxième de Septembre. Je Antoine Curios, Prêtre, Docteur en Theologie et Curé de cette paroisse, sous signé ai batisé le fils de Messire Jean Stuart, gentil-G homme



**A** homme Ecoffois, et de Dame mi Lady Jeanne Duglas, mariez ensemble, auquel on a imposé le nom d'Archibald Jacques Edouard, le parein a été Monsieur le Chevalier Macnamara representant le Comte de Crawford, le Baron Cezar de Macelligot, et le miLord Blantyr, la mareene Mad. Elizabeth Gossé, epouse de Mr. Simon Andrieux, representante Madame la Marquise de Lothian, Madame la Comtesse de Vigtoun; et est ainsi en la minute. Jo. Stuart Pere, Macnamara, le Baron Cezar de Macelligot, Comtesse. J. Vigtoun. A. Curios.

Jé fus signé Curé sous nommé certifie que l'acte extrait ci dessus est conforme a l'original a Rheims, ce premier jour d'Octobre, mil sept cent quarrante huit. A. Curios.

**C** Nous Vicairé Général de son Altesse Monseigneur l'Archeveque Duc de Reims, &c. Premier Pair de France, &c. certifions at attestons a tous ceux a qui il appartiendra que le Sieur Curios, qui a escrit et signé l'extrait baptifaire, d'autre part est tel qu'il se qualifie, et que foi doit etre ajoutée a son seing par tout ou besoin sera. Donné a Reim le deuxieme jour du mois d'Octobre, mil sept cent quarrante huit. Hiacinthe evesque de Joppe, Vic. General. Par ordonnance, Signé Favereau.

**D**

Letter from L. Obin at Aix, to Colonel Stewart at Reims.

Monsieur,

**J**E prens une part infinie à la nouvelle, que vous me faites l'honneur de me donner, de l'heureux accouchement de mi Ledy Jeanne, votre epouse; il faut avouer, Monsieur, que les eaux de Goudron sont merveilleuses, et je viens de m'y remettre sur les instances de mon epouse, qui n'a pas cessé de me persecuter, pour que je les prisse, dès le moment qu'elle a sçu, que mi Ledy etoit accouchée de deux garçons; je ne me flate pas qu'elles produiront des effets aussi amples, et aussi extraordinaires, pour ma famille, mais j'espere du moins, que je pourrai parvenir à une fort petite partie de ce qu'elles ont operé chez vous, et à me mettre en etat de faire, au moins, mon epouse mere d'une fille.

**B**adinage à part, vous ne sçauriez croire, avec combien de satisfaction j'ai appris l'heureux accouchement de mi Ledy; je vous en fais un million de complimens ainsi qu'à elle, et je vous prie de luy presenter, à cette occasion, mes respects tres humbles, avec ceux de ma femme, et de luy repeter, que jamais l'on ne fauroit rien ajouter au devouement parfait, que nous conserverons tousjours, l'un et l'autre, pour sa

**E** personne, et pour tout ce qui peut l'interesser.



Il n'est pas nécessaire, Monsieur, que je vous repete, que je penserais toujours de la même façon, à votre égard; je me flatte que vous en êtes assez persuadé; et tout ce qui me fâche, c'est que je ne sois pas en situation de pouvoir vous le marquer autrement que par des paroles.

Nous sommes icy attendant avec impatience, qu'on mette fin à notre exil; les uns veulent qu'elle soit fort prochaine, les autres qu'elle seroit encore éloigné, et le tout se traite avec tant de secret, que je puis vous dire, que je suis encore dans une parfaite incertitude la dessus. J'oubliois de vous dire, que mon épouse vous fait aussi mille complimens, et il ne me reste qu'à vous reiterer, que c'est toujours avec l'attachement le plus vrai, et le plus complet, que j'ai l'honneur d'être, Monsieur,

Votre très humble et très obeissant serviteur,

Aix, le 17 Août, 1748.

L. OBIN.

P. S. Permettez, s'il vous plaît, que je joigne icy mes complimens très humbles, et ceux de mon épouse, pour Mademoiselle Huet.

Addressed thus: — *A Monsieur, Monsieur le Colonel Jo. Stewart chés Monsieur Andrieux Marchand à RHEIMS.*

Letter from Lord Crawford to Colonel Stewart at Rheims.

D

Dear John,

London, 12th August 1748, O. S.

I Had the pleasure of yours, just as my wound broke out again. I have been so distressed ever since, that it has not been in my power to answer you, notwithstanding, I hope both you and my Lady Jane will do me the justice to believe it is impossible to congratulate you with more sincerity than I do, on my Lady Jane's safe delivery of my two young relations. It is more than probable the same Almighty providence, who seems to have decreed their coming into the world, intends also to reserve them, or theirs, for his great ends. Almighty God preserve them, and their valuable parents, to rear them up in this selfish world.

I was lucky enough to receive your letter soon enough before I fell ill, so as to recommend my Lady Jane's affairs to the Duke of Argyll's care. He promised me he would talk to my Lord Milton, in relation to bring the Duke of Douglas to a way of thinking of the affair, as he ought to be. I also wrote to the Duke of Douglas a second letter, though I had no answer to my first, intimating to him my Lady Jane's safe delivery, thundering in his ears his family's cause, and trying to rouse up all that is Douglas in him; I wish it may have the desired effect. I have also engaged my Lord Home, who is gone down to C.



A to Lord Mark Kerr's, to reconcile him, and I intend to go myself as soon as I am well, in order to talk to him for some supplies for Lady Jane, which, I make no doubt, must soon become necessary. I have also spoke to the Master of Ross, son of the Lord Ross, who is lately come over from Prussia, and who is gone down to Scotland to see his father, to talk with his father and the Marquis of Lothian, to take the proper steps with the Duke of Douglas, to induce him to act by Lady Jane as he ought to do. The young gentleman undertook the thing very willingly, and, I believe, will do all that lies in his power to do you service. You shall soon hear from me again, particularly, after I have seen my Lord Mark Kerr. In the mean time, pray make my compliments, in the most kind manner, to Lady Jane, my blessing to the two young gentlemen, my compliments to Mrs. Hewit, that we are all vastly obliged to her for her care of Lady Jane, and believe me, with  
C unalterable regard,

Dear John,

Your most devoted friend, and humble servant,

CRAWFURD.

P. S. Having been so ill, I hope you will excuse this being wrote by another hand.

D Addressed thus:—*To Colonel Jno. Stewart, at RHEMES en CHAMPAGNE.*

Letter from Sir William Stewart to the Colonel at Reims.

Dr. Sir,

E **N**Ever any thing in life surpris'd me more agreeably than the news I got the other day from Mr. Johnstoun. Pray, good Sir, allow me and my wife, upon such an happy event, to mix our joy with yours and Lady Jane's.—By heaven! it only belongs to a pen like that of Milton, Pope, or Orlando Furioso, to celebrate your praises. I shall not borrow wings to follow the fate of Icarus; but from the sincerity of an honest Scots heart, with bended knees, I pray Almighty God to continue his blessings upon you both, and your dear sweet infants; and may they be spared as a blessing to their country; and  
F who knows, dear Colonel, but they are born to redress its injuries.—Our kind compliments to Mrs. Hewit, and I have the honour to be everlastingly, Dr. Sir,

Paris, 22d Aug.

1748.

Your most obedient and faithful humble servant,

WILL. STUART.

Rue Petit Borbon, chez Mr. Mourett, Architec'te, F. S. G.

G Addressed thus:—*A Monsieur Monsieur le Colonel Stewart, chez Monsieur Andreus l'ainé marchand à RHEIMS, CHAMPAGNE.*

Letter



## Letter Lord Dumbarton to Lady Jane Douglas at Reims.

A

Madam,

I AM honoured with the receipt of your kind and obliging letter, and your Ladyship may be firmly assured, that my heart answers faithfully my pen, and that I am, and shall ever be, entirely devoted to you, as becometh a true Douglas and a faithful Scotchman, that has the honour to be so nearly related to your Ladyship. I live in hopes, that good God of heaven will be pleased to commiserate our poor ruined and desolate country, and to restore us to our ancient and lawful dominions; in a word, that Scotland may be free of the yoke it undergoes at present under the actual government. These are my sincere thoughts, which, I bless God, becometh a true and loyal Douglas. I thank your Ladyship for the honour of mentioning to me in yours, that my dearest young cousins, Archibald and Sholto, your two sons, are perfectly well. God of heaven grant them health and life, and that they may be restorers of the family of Douglas, and of the ancient kingdom of Scotland. I beg your Ladyship will be so kind as to present my humble service and hearty affections to Mr. Stewart: I have not the honour to be acquainted with him, so I rely on your goodness. As for me, I live quietly here, with a gentleman that boards me and my servant, and I strive to make a shift with my poor fortune.

Adieu, dearest Madam, be assured that, whatever is my fate, I shall always glory in being, to the last moment of my life, with a sincere respect, and with a true Douglas heart,

Your Ladyship's most humble most obedient servant,

E

Douay, Jan. 7th,

and most affectionate cousin,

1749.

DUMBARTON.

Addressed thus:—*A My Lady My Lady Douglas, en son hotel à REIMS, en CHAMPAGNE.*

## Letter Lord Mark Kerr to Lady Jane at Reims.

F

Madam,

London, April 8th, 1749.

AS to my not answering your letter I had some time ago, I need not give you the trouble to explain how that was; yet nothing can stop me from doing all in my little power to serve you now. I will renew my correspondence, first, with your brother, who I have not wrote to of some time; then I will use all my best arguments to endeavour  
N your



A vour to persuade him to use you as I wish and want he should. It is needless to go back, yet I must say so much, that I heartily wish, that you had staid in Great Britain, or had returned so soon as you found any prospect of producing, which I heartily wish you joy of, and that they may both live; but if one do, it will, I hope, move your brother. If he thinks right, he will both take care of them and you. Believe me it shall want nothing in my power to do, and with the advice of some others most capable. So now, Madam, I hope you will allow that I show no peevishness, no resentment. I wish with all my soul that I may be able to serve you; to repeat, it shall want nothing in my little power. This you may depend upon to,

My dear Lady Jane, I am in truth really your most obedient and most sincere and real servant and well-wisher,

MARK KERR.

C

Make my compliments to Colonel Stewart: Adieu.

I have but just seen Lord Blantyre, who left your letter at my house.

Letter from the Earl of Crawford to Lady Jane, without a date.

D Dear Lady Jane,

I CAN make no apology for my so long silence; because, whether my negotiations were successful or not, I ought still to have wrote to you: all I can say for myself is, that I have left no stone unturned, that I can yet think of, could be of any service: but there reigns such an insensibility amongst your relations, that they certainly don't deserve the affluence God Almighty has bestowed upon some of them. I have used all the arguments I could with decency urge, that they should, were it no more, than compassionate the two poor dear children, representing to them the great expence they must put you to, and how unnatural it was for them to abandon you both. My last step I took was, (my Lord Blantyre not being well) to transmit a letter you wrote to him----to my Lord Mark Kerr, writing to him at the same time, in as strong terms as I could, whereto I had no Answer, save a verbal one by the Master of Ross, (with whom I thought proper to write) that his Lordship had transmitted the letter you wrote to my Lord Blantyre, and that I had sent him, to his agent Mr. Wilson. Whether he meant by that, for his perusal, in order to do you a service, I don't know, but I shall, so soon as I can possibly, intending to do so on purpose, in order to talk over the matter, and to try to move him, if I can't some others of your relations. As for my own part, I never had it so little in my power to serve my friends as at present; however, I

still



still live in hopes of a sudden change for the better, which I long for, A.  
on other peoples accounts as well as my own.

I had just got this length, when, behold, I received an answer to my letter to my Lord Mark Kerr, whereof I have inclosed you a copy. It does not promise a great deal, and yet I think it gives us reason to hope the best, if there was but a possibility only to make a shift for some little time longer, which you may believe I shall endeavour, by all ways and means, to assist you in to the utmost of my power. B.

Pray make my most kind compliments to Colonel Stewart: I shall write to him soon; however, I hope he will not defer letting me know how your Ladyship and my two dear young friends does. Heavens preserve them both, for a blessing to you, as well as to all their relations. My compliments to Mrs. Hewit; I'm sure she has as much pleasure as any body, in adding her careful endeavours for their welfare. ---If my Lady Wigton is with your Ladyship, pray present her my C.  
compliments; and if you'll be so good as also to remember me to my friend Macilliccoat, I shall be infinitely obliged to you. Dear Lady Jane, I am your most devoted friend, relation, and humble servant,  
CRAWFURD.

P. S. I do not know if it would not be right to come home. D.

Letter Lord Mark Kerr to Lord Crawford, inclosed in the above Letter to Lady Jane Douglas.

My dear Lord,

I HOPE that your Lordship does not think, that it is from the want of the greatest respect for Lord Crawford, or of all tenderness and concern for that Lady, that I have not answered your Lordship's E.  
letter sooner. I am a little difficulted how to act, knowing too well who I have to deal with. I have wrote once to renew our former correspondence. When last in Scotland, we were mighty well; nay, I had carried a point with him to increase Lady Jane's allowance. By her late acting, all that I thought I had done is overturned, as she did in the year twenty, when she was just to be married to this Duke of Buccleuch; notwithstanding of all, I shall do every thing in my power F.  
to persuade his Grace to make her easy, and I hope that her extraordinary circumstance of her bringing two sons into the world, may at least move his Grace to do what all his friends most heartily wish. My Lord, I had her letter to my Lord Blantyre, which your Lordship was pleased to send me, which I returned to his Lordship, with my desire, that he would be so good be at the trouble to write to the Duke, to let his Grace know he had seen the two boys, which I hope G.  
will.



**A** will take off some suspicions he has, calling them, in a jocular way, Pretenders. Your Lordship's goodness for Lady Jane, is a strong proof of your humanity and goodness of heart, which all the world allows. It is impossible to be more, than I am, with the greatest respect,

Henley upon Thames,

June the 3d,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

and most faithful humble servant,

MARK KERR.

**B**

My hand was never good, and as I grow older, is grown worse, I do think fully as bad as our worthy friend Lord Stair' was.----Jenny Miss Kerr offers her best compliments to your Lordship.

**C**

Letter from the Countess of Bassevitz at Dalvitz, to Lady Jane Douglas-Stewart at Reims.

*Cherissime Lady!*

**A** Pres avoir reçu votre agréable lettre, je n'ai point perdu de tems pour y faire reponse; mais comme il se pourroit, que le marchand d'Hambourg, auquel je l'ai adressée, negligeat de vous la faire parvenir assez promptement, je crois necessaire de vous envoyer celli-ci  
**D** par Aix-la-Chapelle, d'où je suis sure, que M<sup>e</sup> Tewis vous la fera tenir sans delai. Aucun jour ne se passe mi Lady, où votre idée ne me roule dans l'esprit. Liée à vous pour jamais par l'amitié la plus tendre, je m'épuise en souhaits pour votre repos, et pour le bonheur futur de ces aimables jumeaux, qui font le chef d'œuvre des exploits amoureux de Mon<sup>s</sup>. le Colonel Stuard. Vivez heureuse avec lui, chere Lady! puisse la fortune vous prodiguer ses dons aussi liberalement que l'amour!  
**E** Quant à moi, je n'ai point d'esperance d'être jamais aussi utile à mon mari que vous êtes au vôtre. Les causes de ma stérilité subsistent encore, malgré tous les remedes que j'ai employez pour m'en affranchir, et la tendresse du Comte de Bassevitz est assez indulgente, pour s'accommoder de la foiblesse du temperament d'une femme, qui n'est point faite pour soutenir le feu du sien. J'ai deux fois été sur le point de retourner à Aix, mais des incidens domestiques m'en ont empêchée. Si  
**F** j'étois venue cette année, j'aurois surement fait un petit tour à Rheims, pour y voir ma plus chere amie. J'ai peu de nouvelles interessantes à vous mander. Nôtre ami Callahan ne fait pas fort bien ses affaires à Vienne. Sa femme est sortie du fond d'Irlande, pour aller déconcerter son cher mari, qui jusques là s'étoit toujours fait passer pour garçon. Voyant, cependant, que la chose étoit sans remede, il a pris son parti en galant-homme, et s'est rejoui de l'agréable surprise que sa  
**G** chere épouse lui a faite. Mr. de Bohtmar, qui parloit si bien l'Anglois,

et



et que vous avez connu à Aix, est mort, au grand chagrin de sa femme, qui l'aimoit sincèrement, et qu'il n'a point laissé dans une situation fort à son aise, Adieu, ma très chere Lady! Aimez moi toujours avec une constance égalé à la mienne. Priez Mr. Stuard de rester mon ami, et de croire, que je l'estime, autant qu'il est possible d'estimer. Je suis de cœur et d'ame, avec un attachement inébranlable,

Mi Lady,

Votre très humble et très obeissante servante, B

De Dalvitz, le 29me de Juin 1749. SABINE Comt. de BASSEVITZ.

Mes compl. à M<sup>lle</sup> Huet.

Letter from the Countess of Bassevitz, at Aix-la-Chapelle, to Lady Jane Douglas-Stewart at London.

Mi Lady,

D'Aix-la-Chapelle, le 18me de Juin 1750. C

**M**E voici derechef à Aix-la-Chapelle, c'est à dire, dans un lieu où tout me rappelle le doux souvenir du tems heureux qui forma les nœuds de nôtre amitié. Ici, je sens que vous me manquez, chere Lady. Mon cœur vous demande à tous les endroits où j'ai joui de votre entretien, et se desespere de ne vous trouver nulle part. Je n'ai pu répondre à la dernière que vous m'ecrivites de Rheims: vous m'y mandiez votre prochain depart pour votre patrie, sans me nommer le lieu de votre retraite; où devois-je donc adresser ma lettre? Mes soigneuses perquisitions m'ont enfin appris, que vous êtes à Londres. Il y a ici plusieurs des vos compatriotes, entre autres, mi Lord Gallouai, auquel le nom de Stuard, qu'il a de commun avec mon digne ami le Colonel, m'a d'abord affectionné; j'ai demandé de vous nouvelles à tous, mais personne ne m'en a donné de plus authentiques, que Madame E  
Tewis, qui a eû la bonté de me communiquer celles qu'elle tient de vous même. Est il possible, mi Lady, que la calomnie ose repandre le venin d'un soupçon si noir, sur une probité si generalement reconnue que la vôtre? Si vous n'êtes pas au dessus des traits de sa malice, quelle vertu pourra jamais se flatter de ne pas en être attaquée? L'imputation est sensible, cependant elle ne sauroit être préjudiciable. Rien n'est plus facile, que de verifier votre grossesse et votre accouchement. F  
J'espere, ma chere Lady, qu'une tentative si inouïe et si monstrueuse, de l'envie de vos ennemis, fera la dernière qui vous chagrinerà; je la regarde comme une marque que cette même envie est aux abois, et qu'en vrai serpent elle siffle contre vous, avec le plus de force, et de rage, dans le tems qu'elle se sent prête d'expirer, et d'être abimée par la justice du ciel, qui vous prepare un sort plus doux, que celui dont vous avez joui jusqu'ici. Veuillez la bonté du tout puissant verifier G



A mon idée, et accorder votre parfaite félicité aux vœux que je lui adresse pour vous. Je me trouve ici en meilleure compagnie que je n'y étois ci-devant, puisque je suis avec mon mari, et avec notre Prince et Princesse héréditaire de Mecklenbourg; aussi me semble-t-il que les bains et les eaux me font encore plus de bien qu'autrefois, et il ne me manque que le charme de vous voir pour prendre une provision de santé, capable d'écarter, pendant dix ans, toutes les maladies qui voudroient m'affaillir.

B Il y a quelques jours que j'ai été à Borset rendre visite à M<sup>e</sup> de Dobbelsstein; vous avez fait mi Lady tout le sujet de notre conversation, et elle m'a chargé d'un million de complimens pour vous. Mr. de Krelschmar, qui est au service du Prince d'Orange, vous assure de ses respects, et m'a prié de vous demander, mi Lady, par quelle voye vous ordonnez qu'il vous fasse remettre certains livres concernant la famille de Douglas, qu'il a recueilli à la Haye selon vos ordres, et qu'il

C a envoyés ici après votre départ. Je resterai encore dans cette ville pendant l'espace, d'un mois, et je serois charmée de pouvoir y recevoir votre réponse, pour être au fait de votre situation présente, et des desseins, que vous formez pour l'avenir, avant mon départ d'ici; mais si votre loisir ne vous permet pas de me répondre si-tôt, envoyez votre lettre pour prévenir tout accident, à M<sup>e</sup> Tewis, car nous n'avons pas encore bien décidé, le Comte de Bassevitz et moi, si nous retournerons

D d'ici tout droit chez nous, ou si nous irons à Paris, où alors nous séjournerions tout l'hiver. Souffrez, mi Lady, que sous les auspices de la tendre liaison dans laquelle sa femme a l'honneur de se trouver avec vous, il ose vous présenter ses très humbles respects, et faites moi la grace d'assurer ma parfaite et inalterable considération à votre cher et heureux époux. Mademoiselle Huet trouve ici bien des complimens de ma part. Adieu, aimable Lady, qui m'êtes et qui me ferez éternellement chère! Vous êtes sûre que je vous aime, que je vous estime, que je vous honnore, que je m'intéresse à votre destinée, en un mot, que je suis plus que personne,

Mi Lady,

Votre très humble, très obeissante, et très dévouée servante,  
SABINE Comtesse de BASSEVITZ.

F

Letter, unsigned, but supposed from Lord Blantyre; address to Mr. Stewart.

A Paris, 29th December.

**T**HE continual hurry I have been in for some time past, has hindered me from writing to you, so soon as I otherwise should have done.



I was very glad to find, by your last, that the news of my Lady A Jane's being ill was but a false report; I wish it may always be so, and that her health may never be interrupted, but to give birth to some young heroes, who, I hope, one day will be the honour of their country. I am sorry, Lady Wigton does not incline to take back her servant, it is impossible for me to keep him, having engaged other servants, and always imagining, that he would return with the Baron; however, there is no great harm, he will find places enow at Paris. A B  
 propos, I have not seen the Baron these three days past; I suppose he is now with you, for he proposed setting out Friday last; you will find him as fresh as a morning rose, and quite on the design of captivating all your provincial beauties.

There is no news here, only they pretend, that M. la Dauphine is with child. Make my compliments to all friends. Assure my Lady Jane of my respects, and that I shall write to her soon; bon jour mon C  
 cher Monsieur je vous embrasse de tout mon cœur. I wish you all a happy new year, and many returns. God bless the young heroes.

Letter Lord Blantyre to Lady Jane Douglas.

Madam,

I Have often had the pen in my hand to write to your Ladyship, several of my letters were begun, but, before I had time to finish any one of them, an unlucky trifle still presented itself, and enticed me away; if I have been in the wrong, and I am afraid I have certainly, I have been much punished for it, by being so long deprived of the pleasure of hearing from you. What I have said, I do not mean as a compliment, and I should be sorry, if you looked upon it as such; it E  
 is truth itself, and if it were not so, I should not certainly give myself the trouble of sending it so far a journey, as from here to London. To make amends for my past negligence, I wish I had any thing to write that were capable of entertaining you, but I am so stupid, and besides, the gallant anecdotes of Paris do not deserve to occupy, for a moment, your Ladyship's attention.

I hope to hear, by your first letter, that your affairs have taken a F  
 turn, and that fortune persecutes you no more; you have suffered more from her caprice, than any one I ever knew, and you have bore it all with a constancy and chearfulness quite uncommon; many are unfortunate, but few, very few, are unfortunate with so much grace as your Ladyship; every thing will be compensated soon, at least I hope so.



A I beg leave to offer my compliments to Mrs. Hewit ; I am persuaded she thinks me very indegrate. Adieu my dear Lady Jane. I am, most sincerely,

Paris, 21st January. Your very affectionate cousin,  
and humble servant,  
BLANTYRE.

B I hope the two young heroes  
are well.

Letter Lord Blantyre to Lady Jane Douglas.

Madam, Paris, 24th April  
C SO long a silence makes me afraid, that the letter I wrote to your Ladyship in the beginning of January, has never reached you ; if it is so, I am sorry for it, because you will think me guilty of a neglect that I am innocent of. If, on the contrary, my letter has come to hand, I shall still be more uneasy to guess at the reason of my not hearing from you. The only way to draw me out of so cruel a perplexity, is to let me hear from you soon, and I know you are too good to leave me long in pain. Write to me soon, dear Lady Jane, and make me  
D happy, for nobody interests himself more than I do, in every thing that regards you. I send this letter by a private hand, that it may run no sort of risk. Adieu, my dear Madam, I send a number of compliments to Mrs. Hewit, to Mr. Stewart, and to my two godsons. Farewell, dear Lady Jane. I am, with the greatest truth imaginable,  
Your affectionate cousin and humble servant,

BLANTYRE.

E Letter unsigned, but supposed from Lord Blantyre to Lady Jane Douglas.

At Edinburgh, 12th November  
F UPON my return home from a party of shooting, about a fortnight ago, I found your Ladyship's letter waiting for me, at my country-house ; I opened it eagerly, and remained thunder-struck when I had read what it contained. I never did, Madam, allow me to say it, expect much from your brother's generosity ; but I could not have imagined, that he would deal so hardly by your Ladyship, as to retract your small annuity, when there were so many reasons for his augmenting it. At first I was very loth to believe it ; but it has been since so often confirmed to me, that it were a folly to doubt of it any longer. What is still worse, Madam, I am afraid, by what I can understand,  
G that there is no room to hope for any change of temper in the Duke ;  
he



he will not so much as listen to any thing that can be said on the subject. This is a very melancholy circumstance; but it is fit that your Ladyship should know it, that you may take your measures accordingly.

You may imagine, Madam, that it grieves me much, that my letter should be the bearer of bad news, though I am confident you have heard all this long ere now. I beg earnestly that your Ladyship would let me know what measures you are now to take. I think, indeed, B that it would be proper to advise with your friends and relations about your Ladyship's affairs, for it certainly will be impossible for your Ladyship, and your young family, to remain abroad, if your brother, the Duke, persists in his resolution of not remitting any money. I can say no more till I hear from your Ladyship. In the mean while, I wish it were in my power to be of any use to your Ladyship; but there is no prospect of that here, for I have not the honour of knowing any of C your Ladyship's friends. Farewell, my dear Lady Jane. Make my best compliments to Mr. Stewart and Mrs. Hewit; my warmest wishes attend your Ladyship and my young godson.

Addressed thus:—*Champagne. A My Lady My Lady Douglas-Stuart ché la Veuve Mayette à la Cité de Liege.*—By London to France. RHEIMS. D

N. B. Rheims is scored out, and in place thereof, there is wrote, in a different hand,—*à la porte d'or à St. Omer.* ST. OMAR.

On this letter there is the London post mark



E

Letter Mrs. Hamilton, wife to Mr. Hamilton Minister at Douglas, to Lady Jane Douglas.

Madam,

S Ince you have been pleased, not only to allow, but even to desire me to correspond with your Ladyship by letters, I heartily comply with it, and would have done myself the honour of writing you F before this time, if there had not been a great struggle betwixt my reason and inclination. The just regard I have for your Ladyship, strongly inclines me to begin and keep up an epistolary conversation with you; but my reason forbids me to engage in a task I am noways equal for; however, as inclination many times prevails over reason, I must yield to the strongest party, hoping your goodness will cast a veil over my weakness, and not expose me to ridicule.—My friend, through the G

P

good



**A** good hand of his God upon him, got safely home, to my great joy and satisfaction; for I was so anxious about him while he was absent from me, that my health was much impaired, and sometimes in hazard of despairing ever to see him again; but now I begin to revive, and to recover new strength and spirit, for I prefer his presence with me to all worldly enjoyments. It gave me inexpressible pleasure to hear from my friend that your Ladyship is so well, notwithstanding of the uncommon

**B** trials you have to grapple with, and that your two pretty boys are so healthy and thriving. May it please God to spare them for blessings and comforts to you, and that they may be useful servants to him in the world; and if he shall grant them his favour and grace, they shall be infinitely more happy than the greatest Princes on earth, wanting this inestimable blessing. His Grace is in good health, and enquired very particularly about your Ladyship and the children; but when my

**C** friend told him, that he had seen the two pretty boys several times, he said that was a great mystery to him, because he had a letter from a certain nobleman, a relation of your own, advising, that there was one of them just now with him; upon which my friend replied, that it was a gross falsehood, not to call it a lie, as it justly deserved. My friend joins with me, in praying all blessings to your Ladyship, and the pretty sweet boys, and I am,

**D** D—LAS,  
Nover. 2d, 1751.

Madam,  
Your Ladyship's most obedient  
humble servant,  
CHRISTIAN HAMILTON.

Letter Mr. Hamilton Minister at Douglas, to Lady Jane Douglas.

**E**

Madam,

**I** HAD the the honour of your Ladyship's most kind, most friendly and sympathizing letter; and nothing but my bad state of health and low spirits, could have hindered me from acknowledging my obligations to your Ladyship long before this time: but I hope your goodness will pity my weakness, and forgive my seeming unmindfulness of you, for I can safely say, that there is not one day passes over me, without remembering your Ladyship and the dear children, in the most affectionate manner; and, could my best wishes be of any service to you and them, sure I am you don't want them. After long uneasiness with a pain in my left side, which I truly thought would have cost me my life, I am now, through the divine blessing, pretty free of it.

**G**

His



His Grace has had a long fit of the gout this last spring, but is now **A**  
 in good health. I think I have but little ground to expect, that ever  
 the circumstances of my family shall be more easy and comfortable  
 through his interest; but the day may come, when your Ladyship  
 shall have it in your power to do good offices to my poor children,  
 when I am gone out of a sinful and degenerate world, wherein I can  
 find nothing worthy the esteem of a heaven-born soul. The Lord pre-  
 pare me for a better and more durable happiness, than possibly can **B**  
 be obtained in this valley of tears.----That God may bestow his best  
 blessings upon your Ladyship and the two pretty boys, give you and  
 them grace here, and glory hereafter, is the hearty prayer of,

Douglas,  
 Aug. 1st, 1752.

Madam,

Your Ladyship's most sincere,  
 and most devoted humble servant,

WILL. HAMILTON. **C**

I offer my humble duty to Mr. Stewart, and kind compliments to  
 Mrs. Hewit.

Letter from Mr. William Guthart, one of the Ministers of Edinburgh,  
 to Lady Jane Douglas. **D**

Madam,

**T**IS with grief I write your Ladyship on the subject of d—  
 Sholto's death! How afflicting must it be to you, a tender-heart-  
 ed mother! and to his affectionate father, the Colonel! You left him  
 in perfect health, and hoped to see him again in the same good way;  
 but God, in his holy wise Providence, has seen fit to order it other-  
 ways.----I may easily tell you what is your duty, under this afflicting **E**  
 dispensation of Providence, and your own reason will suggest it to  
 you: but alas! it is not so easy to go into it. I hope God will sup-  
 port and comfort you under it, and bring you to a patient and hum-  
 ble submission to his disposing will, and chearfully to say, Thy will  
 be done! to justify God and condemn yourself; and to say, The Lord  
 has punished me less than mine iniquities deserve!

O pray that God may make you able to say, It was good for me **F**  
 that I was afflicted! God is our best friend, and we must never fall  
 out with him, do to us what he will! Let us never place our happi-  
 ness in things below! How short-lived are they, and uncertain in  
 their enjoyment! Little did you, or any here, think of what has now  
 happened. **G**

'Tis



**A** 'Tis a mercy d--- Stewart is preserved to you. May he live long to be a comfort to his parents, and an honour to the family of Douglas. No doubt you've been acquainted he was taken into town, and is in perfect health. Your maid expects you'll write where he must go till you return: it is not thought fit he should go back to the house he was in. Lady Mary will have wrote you the child was most decently and honourably buried, and that she wrote by an express to your brother, acquainting him of his death.---She's your true, if not truest friend. My humble compliments to your Ladyship and the Colonel, and service to Mrs. Hewit. I heartily sympathize with you and pray for you. May God return you in safety and in health.

Edinburgh,  
May 8th, 1753.

Madam,  
Your Ladyship's sympathizing,  
and most obedient humble servant,  
WM. GUSTHART.

**C**

Letter Lady Mary Hamilton to Sir John Stewart.

Sir,

Edinburgh, 26th May 1753.

**D** **I** Thank you for being so good as write me yourself at such a time. I assure you none can more heartily condole with you in your loss; my unalterable esteem and affection for your dearest Lady Jane, makes me feel with her pain or joy as my own. The pleasure I always had in seeing Lady Jane and the lovely boys, made me happy, nay proud; no wonder, you, the parents, be singularly affected with the death of one, both being so valuable. I am very anxious, fearing Lady Jane's health may be impaired: pray God preserve her valuable life. I trust she soon will own that the Lord is her strength and song; that his mercy endureth for ever. Wishing what's good and happy to attend you all, dear Sir, believe me, I am, with sincerity,

Your humble servant,  
M. HAMILTON.

**F** My Jane Douglas presents her best compliments to my Lady and you. We join in our kind compliments to good Mrs. Hewit: I am sure she has a grieved heart. Sir, it not only does me honour, but gives satisfaction to understand, that any thing I have done is agreeable to sweet Lady Jane Douglas-Stewart. Thank God, my cousin, charming Mr. Archy Stewart is in great good health, well put up, and well taken care of. Mrs. Walker is truly a good keeper.---My Lady Ross has wrote me to know particularly how Lady Jane does,  
**G** regretting much her loss.

Letter



A

## Letter the Countess of Wigtoune to Lady Jane Douglas.

My dear Madam,

I Send my servant, to bring me an account how your Ladyship and family does. I was sorry you made so very short a stay with me t'other day, but I am hopeful you'll make it up some other time. I hope the good Colonel was in perfect health when you heard of him. Be so kind as to direct my servant how he'll find him, that I may have the pleasure to send him to ask after my best friend. I pray God to relieve him and your Ladyship soon out of your troubles.

My compliments to Madam Hewit, and my blessing to my godsons, and believe me to be,

Wednesday,  
12 o'clock.

My dear Madam, your Ladyship's  
most devoted humble servant,

E. WIGTOUNE.

C

## Letter the Countess of Wigtoune to Lady Jane Douglas at Chelsea.

My dear Madam,

It was not in my power to answer your Ladyship's letter this morning, as I desired John to let you know. I am sorry your Ladyship has been ill: could I have followed my own inclinations, I should have been at Chelsea long ago. I truly long to see you, and also my two godsons: I pray God bless them, and keep them to you.—Oh, good Mr. Stewart; how I regret his confinement! I shall be ready Thursday to attend your Ladyship to Lady Home's, but I reckon it will be early four o'clock, as it's that time ere they sit down to table.

When you write to Mr. Stewart, remember me to him in the kindest way. Don't take it ill, if I tell you I love him dearly. My blessing to the children, and services to Madam Hewit. I ever am, dear Madam, your Ladyship's

Faithful humble servant, &amp;c.

Feb. 17th.

E. WIGTOUNE. F

D

## Letter Lord Mark Kerr to Lady Jane Douglas.

Madame,

As to any thing your Ladyship may have heard, I know nothing of it; for my part, my shewing the highest friendship for you, you, G  
Madam,

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A Madam, know best. Now, to say nothing but the truth, your two trips into France, I do think there is no apologizing for it, which is the worst, I will leave the world to judge. I have used my best endeavours to serve you with your brother, which is the most natural way of doing you the most honourable service; as to putting my hand to do it in any other shape, you will pardon me, Madam. Your behaviour, thirty years ago next month, and four years ago very soon now, are both mighty fresh in my memory: so I must tell you plainly, that, from henceforward, I give up all correspondence. I wish you well, and shall endeavour still to persuade your brother to think as I do, to take care of you and your two sons, which I hope in God he may be persuaded to do, from, Madam, with all respect,

Your most obedient and most humble servant,

MARK KERR.

C

N. B. Madam, it is all your own doing, with bad advice too.

I hope you will pardon my using another hand, which I have been obliged to do of some time.

Upper Brookstreet, January the 29th.

D

Letter from Lady Mary Hamilton to Lady Jane Douglas at London.

My dearest Lady Jane,

Edinburgh, 15th May 1753.

I Cannot express the anguish I have, and sincere sympathy with your Ladyship and Mr. Stewart, on account of the death of your dear son Mr. Sholto. A great trial! I pray God, who comforteth those who are cast down, to comfort and support you.

Dear Mr. Archy is quite in good health and spirits. I had the pleasure to have him here to-day at dinner. He is singularly happy in his keeper Mrs. Walker, who has and does all duty, I can bear witness, as likewise Mr. Colvill and Mr. Loch, who has shown their honour and just regard for your Ladyship and children. My being here at such a time, I am thankful for, kind providence, I seeing the beauty of it, all concurring to do what was proper in such a case, which I suppose you will be acquainted of. With the truest regard, I am,

Your Ladyship's affectionate cousin,

and most humble servant,

M. Hamilton.

P. S. Please my kind compliments to Mr. Stewart and Mrs. Hewit. My Jane Douglas heartily joins, and many others of your good friends.

Copy



Copy letter, Lady Jane Douglas to her brother the Duke of Douglas.

Dear brother,

**T**Hough I am not so vain as to flatter myself, that any thing relating to me, either prosperous or adverse, can give the Duke of Douglas joy or grief; yet, I think it my incumbent duty, to inform him of **B** any matter of consequence that befalls me.—Permit me then to acquaint your Grace, that Sholto-Thomas Stewart, my second boy, died on the 5th of this month of May, of an intermitting fever, after continuing in that illness seventeen days. It pleased Almighty God, in his infinite wise Providence, to remove that comfort from me. God's will be done. It has added, indeed, considerably to my grief, that I was absent from the child when he died, but I submit, without mur- **C** muring, to whatever God is pleased to order concerning me.

I wrote to your Grace when I was in Douglas-town, of my intention to set out for England, to seek out for a cheap place to live in; but being informed by a letter from London, that the gentleman, who receives the pension his Majesty is graciously pleased to bestow upon me, was indisposed, so that his health would not allow him to do me that favour any longer, I was therefore advised to go to London, that I **D** might myself put that matter, which is of great moment to me, into other hands; this obliged me to make a journey to London, where I arrived the 28th of last month, and where I only shall remain a very short space of time, till I regulate that affair, which I hope I shall get so soon finished, that I shall get from this the first week of June, and so return to Edinburgh, from whence I propose to go to the cheapest place I can find out in England, as I wrote to your Grace before. **E**

I pray God to bestow upon you, dear brother, every happiness this world can afford, and to bless you with a long, very long life, and with perfect health. I have the honour to be, with the greatest respect,

Your Grace's

London, 15th May 1753.

Most obedient servant,

and most affectionate sister,

JANE DOUGLAS-STEWART. **F**

Letter, Lady Wigtoune to Lady Jane Douglas.

My dear Madam,

**I**TS some time ago since I received the favour of your Ladyship's letter, and, when absent from one's friends, nothing gives more sen- **G** sible



A fible pleasure than hearing of their wellfare, tho', at the same time, its a satisfaction I seldom have, my old friends, acquaintances, and even relations, seldom or never asks after me ; but its the way of the world, when people is prosperous, they don't want friends in outward appearance, which appears in their adversity, that all was words of course ; happy are those that has no want of them. How glad am I that your Ladyship having procured what you demanded at Court ;

B am only fory it was not much more ; sure, methinks it should make his Grace of Douglas blush to have forced your Ladyship to apply to any body but to himself ; but all in good time, every thing will go well with your Ladyship, I hope. I don't know where this may find you, in London, or in good old Edinburgh. I send it by my woman, who has left me ; her relations would by no means allow her to stay any longer in France ; she is a greater loss to me than I am able to express ;

C a faithful, honest affectionate servant as ever was ; she's a blessing to those that gets her. I rejoyce to hear your young gentlemen are so well, as also the good Colonel ; prey remember me to him in the kindest manner ; as I seldom hear from any body, I know not what's doing in England or Scotland ; if your Ladyship favours me with en answer to this, I should be glad to know from you all that's passing at home ; its now two months since the Baron left this ; he's gone to

D Ratisbonne, where he proposes to study for some time,—and, after some months stay there, he proposes to join his regiment ; I will refer your Ladyship to Janny Greig, who will give you an exact account of him, as also of your humble servant ; and so wishing you all happiness, I ever am,

My dear Madam,

Amboise, April

Your Ladyship's most obedient  
humble servant,

E 20, N. S. 1751.

Remember me to Madam Hewit.

E. WIGTOUNE.

Letter from the Countess of Bassévitze at Rostoc, to Lady Jane Douglas-Stewart.

F Ma très chere Lady !

Votre lettre du 7me de Juillet ne m'a plus trouve à Aix-la-Chapelle. J'en étois déjà partie le 16 du même mois, pour aller à Paris, où après avoir séjourné près de trois mois, retournant par Bruxelles, j'ai eu le plaisir de recevoir vos chéres lignes. Nous aurions bien aimés, le Comte de Bassévitze et moi, de rester l'hiver à Paris ; mais comme nous avons fait tout le voyage avec notre Prince héritaire, et les

G Princesses, son épouse, et sa sœur, et que par consequent, tous nos arrangements



rangemens étoient pris de sorte que nous ne pouvions nous séparer A d'eux sans leur incommodité et la nôtre, il fallut les suivre, lorsque la nouvelle qu'ils reçurent de la maladie du Duc régnant leur pere, les obligea de précipiter leur retour. Vous pensez bien, aimable Lady, que nous nous sommes trouvés fort à notre aise, dans cette superbe ville, où les plaisirs naissent sous chaque pas. Cependant, en rendant justice à ses beautés, aux chef d'œuvres des differens arts qu'elle étale, et au génie vif et heureux de ses habitans, je n'ai pu m'accommoder de leurs mœurs. B La frivolité de leurs entretiens, l'air éventé des hommes, les manières étourdies des femmes, jointes à ce rouge affreux, dont elles masquent leurs teint, et qui fait ressembler les belles à des Lais, les laides à des Mègères, tout cela m'a fait sentir que je suis née pour l'Allemagne, et non pour la France, parce que mon goût ne sauroit se former à toutes ces fadaïses. Il est vrai, néan moins, que je conçois, que même avec l'humeur que j'ai, on peut vivre tres agréablement à Paris, lorsqu'on a C le tems d'y déterrer le petit nombre de gens sensés et savans, qui y sont dispersés, et de lier commerce avec eux ; mais, pour y parvenir il faut fronder les préjugés du public, lequel y permèt tres rarement aux femmes d'être raisonnables, et qui ne nous y regarde que comme des poupées, destinées à faire l'amusement, pour ne pas dire, le jouet des hommes.

Qu'Aix-la-Chapelle m'a paru désert, mi Lady, parceque vous m'y a- D vez manqué. Je m'en suis consolée comme j'ai pu, en m'entretenant de vous avec tous ceux qui vous connoissoient, ou qui avoient entendu parler de vos mérites, et de vos malheurs dans votre patrie. J'ai souvent fait la visite à Mad. Tewis, pour lui entendre répéter ce qu'elle savoit de votre fort. C'est une très bonne femme qui vous est d'autant plus sincèrement attachée, qu'elle vous croit amie intime de sa fille la Colonelle Herbert. Les preuves qu'elle m'a dit être en état de vous li- E vrer, pour la verification de votre grossesse, sont plus que suffisantes, pour prévenir tout ce que la noire malice de vos ennemis pourroit inventer au préjudice de vos chers jumeaux ; surtout, si comme je lui en ai donné le conseil, elle rend son témoignage par devant nottaire, afin de lui procurer la validité d'une deposition authentique. J'ai vu votre cousin, mi Lord Drumlanrik. On m'a dit qu'il aspirait à la succession du Duc votre frère ; j'ai peine à le croire, sa physionomie est trop noble F pour qu'il soit capable de la bassesse, de travailler au dépouillement d'une héritière légitime. On l'a dit aussi mécontent de votre mariage ; j'ignore si cela est vrai, puisqu'il ne s'est pas expliqué sur ce sujet en ma présence, mais au moins l'ai je entendu parler de votre personne avec tout le respect qu'on doit à vos vertus. Mad. Tewis vous aura mandé, sans doute, que le Chevalier Cuningham, Officier du régiment de mi Lord, étoit venu s'informer chez elle de circonstances qui vous concernent. G

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Peut-être,



- A** Peut-être, qu'abusé lui même par de faux-rapports, il a souhaité d'être éclairci, et cette envie de savoir la vérité supposé, qu'il n'a pas le dessein de vous faire tort. Au surplus il ne gagneroit rien, en agissant, soit directement soit indirectement, contre vous, car des gens qui peuvent être au fait de la chose m'ont assuré, que le Duc de Douglas avoit aussi peu d'envie de favoriser son cousin que sa soeur, et qu'il destine après sa mort, tout ce dont il peut disposer, à une parente, qu'on
- B** nomme ainsi que vous Jeanne Douglas, et qui est mariée si je ne me trompe, à ce même Duc de Buccleugh, dont autrefois vous avez rejeté la main. Ce n'est pas d'aujourd'hui, chérissime Lady, que la caractère de mi Lord votre frere est transpiré jusque à ma connoissance, malgré la générosité avec laquelle vous tâchiez de tirer le rideau, sur la dureté des ses procédés envers vous. Il est bien triste, qu'il vous aye forcé à recourir à la justice contre lui. N'auriez vous pas avant d'en
- C** venir à cette extrémité, pu trouver quelque occasion de le joindre, et d'émouvoir en lui la nature par votre vuë? La force du sang est grande en de telles rencontres, et souvent le frere qu'on avoit perdu se retrouve entre les bras de sa soeur. Peut-être réussiriez vous encore de cette façon à le rendre traitable, malgré ce qui s'est passé entre vous, votre magnanimité n'y perdrait rien, puisqu'une avance, faite à un frere, ne feroit qu'un hommage rendu à l'union de votre famille, à la gloire
- D** du nom que vous portez tous deux, au bien de vos enfans, et par conséquent à votre amour-propre dirigé par la raison. Mais peut-être juge-je de votre situation, comme un aveugle des couleurs. Vous devez connoître votre frere, et vous avez trop de sentiment et de prudence, pour rien négliger de ce qui pourroit le ramener, si vous n'étiez seure, que c'est impossible, et qu'il a fermé son ame à tout ce qui peut émouvoir un bon naturel. S'il est ainsi mi Lady, permettez moi de vous
- E** dire, que lui ayant une fois rompû en visière, par votre recours au gouvernement pour votre pension, vous devez tâcher d'ajuster, maintenant tout ce qui vous pourriez jamais avoir à débattre avec lui, et à vous munir des précautions contre toutes les supercheries, qui pourroient altérer les droits de votre héritage ; et cela d'autant plus soigneusement, que si Dieu vous retiroit de ce monde, et Mr. Steward aussi, avant la mort du Duc votre frere, et pendant que vos enfans sont en bas-âge
- F** ces pauvres innocens coureroient risque de tout perdre. Pardonnez mi Lady si l'ardeur de mon zèle me fait entrer indiscrettement dans trop de détail ; la tendresse de mon amitié pour vous doit me servir d'excuse. Je vous proteste, que l'absence ne rallentit rien à la chaleur des mes sentimens, et que votre idée m'est encore aussi intéressante, et aussi chere, que me le fut jadis votre aimable présence, vos vertus, vos talens, votre caractère, vous ont attachés mon cœur par des liens in-
- G** dissolubles. Quel dommage que la mer nous sépare, et que l'éloignement



ment mette un invincible obstacle à la jouissance d'une si belle amitié. A  
 Je rends graces à Mr. Steward de son souvenir; si mes égards, si ma  
 parfaite estime peuvent le flatter, il a toutes les raisons d'être content  
 de moi. Ténez parole, chere Lady, informez moi de la retraite que  
 vous choisirez, et croyez que je serai jusqu'au, tombeau avec la confi-  
 d'ration la plus affectueuse, vôtre|trés humble, très obeissante, et tres  
 devouée fervante,

de Rostoc le 6me  
 de Mars 1751.

SABINE Comtesse de BASSEVITZ.

B

Je salue Mademoiselle Huet, Mr. de Bassevitz vous assure ses re-  
 spects. Nous avons actuellement ici un Anglois, le Chevalier et  
 Docteur Taylor, qui se dit cadet d'une maison illustre, et qui est un C  
 des célèbres oculistes de l'Europe. Le Duc regnant l'a fait venir pour  
 le guérir de l'aveuglement dont il s'est trouvé frappé depuis trois mois.

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TRANSLATIONS of the FRENCH LETTERS, &c.  
 produced at the said SERVICE.

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Extract from the register of baptisms, of the parish of St. Jacques  
 of Rheims.

I N the year one thousand seven hundred and forty-eight, twenty F  
 second day of September, I Anthony Curios, priest, doctor of  
 divinity, and curate of the parish undernamed, have baptised the son  
 of Messire John Stewart, a Scots gentleman, and of my Lady Jane  
 Douglas (a married couple) by the name of Archibald-James-Edward;  
 the godfather was Mr. Macnamara, who stood proxy for the Earl of  
 Crawford, the Baron Cezar de M'Elligot, and my Lord Blantyre; the G  
 godmothers



A godmothers were Madame Elizabeth Gossé, wife to Mr. Simon Andreux, who stood proxy for the Marchioness of Lothian, and the Countess of Wigton, &c. and it is thus minuted.

Jo. STEWART Father.

MACNAMARA.

Le Baron CEZAR de MACELLIGOT,  
J. Comtesse WIGTON.

A CURIOS.

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I, the undernamed curate, do certify, that the above extract is conform to the original. At Rheims, this first day of October, one thousand seven hundred and forty-eight.

(Signed) A CURIOS.

C We the Vicar-general of his Highness the Archbishop, Duke of Rheims, &c. first Peer of France, &c. do certify and attest, to all those whom it may concern, that the Sieur Curios, who has written and signed the baptismal extract, upon the other side, is the person he describes himself to be, and that faith ought to be given to his subscription, wherever there may be need. Given at Rheims the second day of October, one thousand seven hundred and forty-eight.

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HIACINTHE Bishop of Joppe, Vic. General.

The Seal here.

By warrant, FAVEREAU.

Letter from L. Obin at Aix, to Colonel Stewart at Rheims.

Sir,

E I Take a sensible pleasure in the news you have done me the honour to give me, of the happy delivery of Lady Jane, your spouse. It must be owned, Sir, that the tar waters have had wonderful effects, and I am just begun to take them upon the sollicitations of my wife, who has never ceased persecuting me to make use of them, from the moment she heard that my Lady was delivered of two boys. I do not flatter myself, that they will produce such ample and extraordinary effects, in regard to my family; but I hope, at least, I may arrive at some small share of what they have produced in you, that I may be able, at least, to make my wife the mother of a daughter. But, jesting apart, you cannot believe with what satisfaction I heard of the happy delivery of my Lady. I congratulate you both a thousand times, and beseech you to present my Lady with mine and my wife's most humble respects upon this occasion, and assure her,

G that it is impossible to add to the perfect attachment which both of us



us shall for ever preserve for her person, and for every thing in which A she has an interest.

It is unnecessary, Sir, to repeat, that I shall for ever think in the same manner, in regard of you. Of that, I flatter myself, you are sufficiently persuaded, and I have no other uneasiness, but that I am not in a situation to prove it to you by other marks than by words.

We are waiting here with impatience for an end to our exile ; some think it is at hand, others that it is still at a distance ; and the whole B is conducted with so much secrecy, that I can assure you I am still in a perfect uncertainty about it.

I forgot to tell you, that my wife desires a thousand compliments to you, and I have nothing more to say, but to repeat, that it is always with the truest and most perfect attachment, that I have the honour to be,

Your most humble and obedient servant,

L. OBIN.

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P. S. Permit me, if you please, to add mine and my wife's most humble respects to M<sup>lle</sup> Huet.

Aix, August 17th, 1748.

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Letter from the Countess of Bassevitz, at Dalvitz, to Lady Jane Douglas-Stewart, at Rheims.

My dearest Lady,

AS soon as I had received your agreeable letter, I lost no time in returning an answer ; but as it is possible that the merchant of Hambourg, to whom it was addressed, has neglected to forward it in E proper time, I thought it expedient to send you this by the way of Aix-la-Chapelle, from which place I am certain Mad. Tewis will send it you without delay.

Your idea, my Lady, is never out of my mind. Connected to you, for ever, by the bonds of the most tender friendship, I exhaust myself in wishing for your repose, and the future happiness of the amiable twins, who are the master-piece of the amorous exploits of Colonel F Stewart.

May you may be happy with him, my dear Lady ! may fortune be as lavish to you in her favours, as love has been ; for my part, I despair of ever being as useful to my husband, as you have been to yours : the causes of my sterility still subsist, in spite of all the remedies I have made use of to get free from it ; and the tenderness of Count Bassevitz is indulgent enough, to accommodate itself to the weakness G

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A of constitution in a woman, who is not at all suited to support the ardour of his.

I was twice upon the point of returning to Aix, but my domestick affairs were still an impediment ; and if I had gone there this year, I would certainly have made a little excursion to Rheims, on purpose to have seen my dearest friend. I have little news of consequence to tell you : our friend Callahan has cut but an indifferent figure at Vienna ; his wife came from Ireland to disconcert her dear husband, who, till then, had made himself pass for a batchelor ; however, when he found there was no other remedy, he acted the part of a gallant man, and seemed greatly rejoiced at the agreeable surprize that his dear wife occasioned him.

Mr. de Bohtmar, who spoke English so well, and whom you knew at Aix, is dead, to the extreme sorrow of his wife, who had a sincere affection for him, and whom he has left in circumstances a little embarrassed.

Adieu, my dearest Lady, may you love me, for ever, with a constancy equal to mine. Intreat Mr. Stewart to continue my friend, and to believe it impossible for any one to have a greater esteem for him. I am, from my heart and soul, with the most steady attachment,

My Lady,

D Dalvitz, 29th June 1749. Your most humble and obedient servant,

SABINE Comt. de BASSEVITZ.

My compliments to M<sup>lle</sup> Huet.

E Letter from the Countess of Bassevitz at Aix-la-Chapelle to Lady Jane Douglas-Stewart at London.

My Lady,

ONCE more I am at Aix-la-Chapelle, a place that reminds me of those happy moments that formed the first bonds of our friendship : 'tis here, my dear Lady, that I am sensible how much I want you ; my heart enquires after you at every place where I have been happy in conversing with you, and is almost in despair when it can no where find you.

It was impossible for me to answer your last letter from Rheims ; you informed me then of your intended departure for your own country, without mentioning the particular place of your retreat, how then was it possible for me to give my letter a proper address ? I have at last found, after much enquiry, that you was at London.

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We have here a number of your countrymen, and, amongst the rest, **A** my Lord Galloway, whose name of Stewart (the same as my worthy friend, the Colonel's) gave me at first sight an esteem for him.

I asked every body for news of you; but Mrs. Tewis was the only person that could give me any that was authentick; she was kind enough to communicate to me what she had from your own hand. Is it possible, my Lady, that calumny has dared to throw the poison of so black a suspicion on integrity so universally known as yours? If you **B** are not superior to the strokes of malice, what virtue can ever flatter itself to be safe from an attack? The imputation is affecting, though it can never be prejudicial. Your pregnancy and delivery are circumstances that can be easily ascertained; and, I hope, my dear Lady, that this monstrous and unheard of effort of your enemies envy, will be the last that shall ever give you uneasiness: I esteem it as a certain sign that this same envy is now at her last gasp, and, like a true serpent, **C** she hisses at you with greater violence and fury, when she perceives herself expiring, and about to be crushed by the justice of the Almighty, who is preparing for you a lot by far more happy than that you have yet experienced. May the bounty of the omnipotent God verify what I have imagined, and grant you a perfect felicity, agreeable to the prayers which I offer him on your account.

I find myself here in better company than I was formerly, as I **D** am with my husband, and with the Hereditary Prince and Princess of Mecklenburgh. I imagine besides, that I find more benefit than formerly from the baths and waters, and I only want the pleasure of seeing you, to assure me of a provision of health sufficient to resist whatever disorders might attempt to assail me for ten years to come.

I was some days ago at Borset, on a visit to Madame de Dobbelsstein, your Ladyship was the chief subject of our conversation, and she **E** charged me with a million of compliments to you.

Mr. de Krelschmar, in the Prince of Orange's service, assures you of his respects, and begs me to enquire of your Ladyship what method he shall take to send you some books relating to the family of Douglas, which he collected at the Hague, according to your orders, and which he had sent to this place since your departure.

I shall remain in this city for a month longer, and should be happy **F** to receive your answer, that I might be properly informed of your present situation, and of the plans you may have formed for the future; but if you have not leisure to write in that compass of time, forward your letter, for fear of accidents, to Mrs. Tewis; for the Count of Bassévitz and I are not absolutely determined whether we shall return directly home, or proceed to Paris, where we will pass the winter.

Permit him, my Lady, (presuming on the tender friendship with **G** which you honour his spouse) to present your Ladyship his most  
humble



**A** humble respects ; and do me the kindness to assure your dear and happy husband, of my perfect and unalterable esteem.

I beg to be remembered to Miss Huet. Adieu, my amiable Lady, you are, and will be, eternally dear to me ; you are convinced that I love, that I esteem, that I honour you, that I am interested in your fortunes ; in a word, that I am more than any body,

My Lady,

**B** Aix-la-Chapelle,  
June 18, 1750.

your most humble, obedient  
and devoted servant,

SABINA Comtesse de BASSEVITZ.

Letter from the Countess of Bassevitz, at Rostoc, to Lady Jane Douglas-Stewart.

My dear Lady,

**C** **Y**OUR letter of the 7th of July did not find me at Aix-la-Chapelle. I had set out for Paris upon the 16th of that month, where having remained near three months, it was in my return by the way of Brussels, that I had the pleasure of receiving your dear lines. The Count de Bassevitz and I would have been very well pleased to have past the winter at Paris ; but as we had made the whole journey in company with our Hereditary Prince, and the Princesses, his consort and sister, and of consequence all our matters were so disposed that we could not separate from them, without incommoding both them and ourselves, we were under a necessity of attending them, when the accounts which they received of the reigning Duke their father's being indisposed, obliged them to hasten their return. You are not mistaken, amiable Lady, in supposing that we past our time very agreeably in that magnificent city, where pleasures spring up under every foot-step. At the same time, while I do justice to its beauties, to the masterly performances which it exhibits in the different arts, and to the lively and happy genius of its inhabitants, I could not conform myself to their manners. The frivolousness of their conversation, the foppish air of the men, and the giddy behaviour of the women, joined to that frightful rouge with which they disguise their complexion, and which makes the handsome resemble courtezans, and the ugly look like hags. All this makes me feel that I was born for Germany, and not for France, as my taste would never be reconciled to such fooleries. I believe, however, that even a person of my turn of mind might live very agreeably at Paris, if one had time to search out the few people of sense and knowledge who are there dispersed, and to form a connexion with them ; but, in order to arrive at that, one must combat the prejudices of the publick, which in that place seldom allows women to be reasonable creatures, and which looks upon us as puppets, destined for the amusement, not to say the sport, of men.

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What a desert Aix-la-Chapelle appeared to me for want of your company ! I comforted myself the best way I could, in conversing about you with all who knew you, or who had heard of your merit, and of your sufferings in your own country. I often visited Madam Tewis, to hear her repeat all that she knew concerning you. She is a very good woman, and is the more sincerely attached to you, that she believes you to be an intimate friend of her daughter, the Lady of Colonel Herbert. The evidence, which she says she is in condition to produce in support of your pregnancy, is more than sufficient to frustrate whatever the blackest malice of your enemies might invent, to the prejudice of your dear twins, especially, if she takes my advice, and delivers her testimony before a notary, in order to give it the force of an authentick deposition.—I have seen your cousin, my Lord Drumlanrig : I was told that he aspired to the succession of the Duke your brother ; but I can hardly believe it ; the nobleness of his look bespeaks him incapable of so mean an office, as that of supplanting a rightful heir. I have likewise heard, that he was displeased at your marriage. I know nothing of the truth of this, as he never explained himself upon the subject in my presence ; but this I can say, that I have heard him speak of you with all the respect that is due to your virtues. Madam Tewis would, no doubt, inform you, that the Chevalier Cunningham, an officer of Lord Drumlanrig's regiment, applied to her to be informed of some circumstances concerning you. Perhaps he had been deceived himself by false reports, and wanted to have the matter cleared up ; and his desire of knowing the truth, seems to imply, that he has no design of doing you hurt. At any rate, he will gain nothing by acting, either directly or indirectly, against you ; for people who have access to know, have assured me, that the Duke of Douglas had as little inclination to favour his cousin as his sister, and that he intends to leave all that he can dispose of, at his death, to a female cousin of the same name with yourself, and who is married, if I am not mistaken, to the same Duke of Buccleuch, whose hand you formerly rejected. It is not of yesterday, my dearest Lady, that I have been acquainted with the character of my Lord your brother, in spite of the generosity with which you endeavoured to draw a veil over the harshness of his proceedings towards you. It is very unhappy that you should be obliged to have recourse to justice against him. Could not you, before coming to that extremity, endeavour to bring about an interview with him, and to awaken the impulse of natural affection in him, by your presence ? The force of blood is great upon such occasions, and it often happens, that a lost brother is found again in the arms of his sister.—Perhaps, in this way, you may, so far, at least, succeed, as to make him listen to terms, notwithstanding what

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A has passed between you, your magnanimity would suffer nothing by it, because an advance of this sort made to a brother, would be no more than a due homage paid to the union of your family, to the glory of the name which both of you bear, to the good of your children, and, of consequence, to your own self-love, directed by reason. But perhaps I judge of your situation, as a blind person does of colours; you are certainly not unacquainted with your brother, and you have too much sentiment, as well as prudence, to neglect any step which might regain his affections, if you were not positive, that it is to no purpose, and that his breast is steeled to every suggestion of humanity. If that is the case, my Lady, permit me to tell you, that having once so far outfaced him, as to apply to the government for your pension, you ought now to endeavour, as far as in your power, to adjust your matters so as to have no after-questions with him, and to fortify yourself with precautions, against all the tricks which may be made use of, to cut off your right of inheritance; and this you ought to be the more solicitous about, that if God should withdraw both you and Mr. Stewart from this world, before the death of the Duke your brother, and while your children are under age, these poor innocents might run a risque of losing all. Pardon me, my Lady, if the ardour of my zeal makes me enter indiscreetly into too minute a discussion; the tenderness of my friendship for you will plead my excuse. I protest to you, that absence abates nothing of the warmth of my sentiments, and that your idea is at present as interesting and as dear to me, as was formerly your amiable presence. Your virtues, your talents, your character, have bound my heart to you by indissoluble ties. What pity it is, that the sea divides us, and that distance occasions an invincible bar, to the enjoyment of so perfect a friendship. I return thanks to Mr. Stewart for his remembrance of me; if my regard, if my perfect esteem, can flatter him, he has reason to be satisfied with me. Keep your word, dear Lady, inform me of the retreat which you make choice of, and believe that I shall be, to the grave, with the most affectionate respect, your most humble, and most obedient servant,

Rostoc,

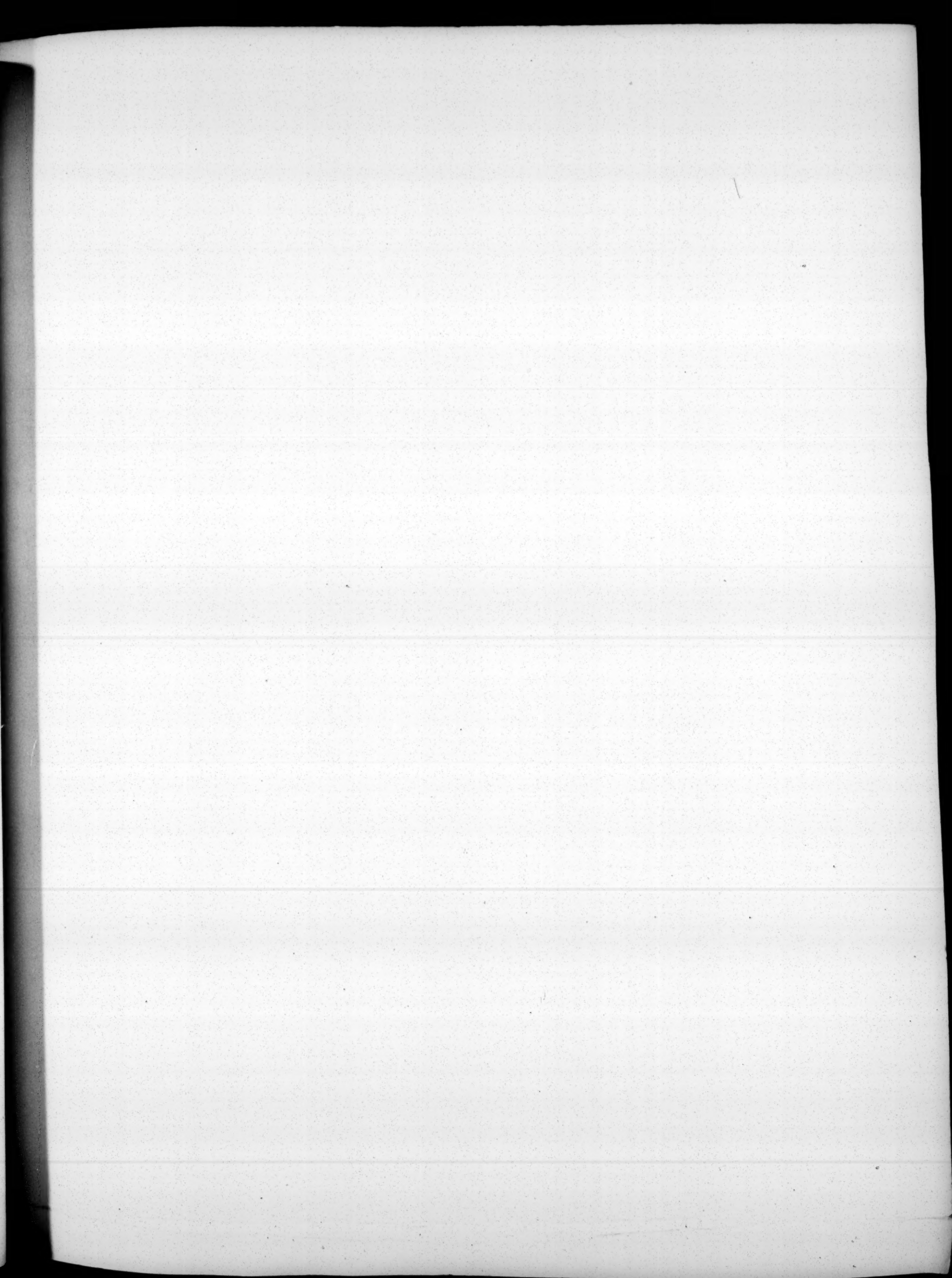
SABINE Countess of BASSEVITZ.

6th March, 1751.

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My compliments to Miss Hewit. Mr. de Bassevitz assures you of his respect. We have here at present an Englishman, the Chevalier Doctor Taylor, who calls himself a younger brother of a noble family, and who is one of the most celebrated oculists in Europe. The reigning Duke sent for him, in order to cure him of a blindness, with which he was seized three months ago.







honorable. Monsieur

Gentilhomme Croissier

a Reims en Champagne.

Adressé par M. D. Conat & Fils.



Paris Aoust 26. 1749

Monsieur

vous serez peut-être surpris, et même fâché que  
j'ay tant diféré de vous donner nouvelles de votre  
cher Enfant qui Dieu mercy se port bien a  
présent mais pour quelque temps passé il a  
beaucoup souffert en poussant ses dents. ce que lui  
a empêché de dormir et lui a rendu de fort  
mauvais humeur (comme j'étois persuadé qu'il  
ny avoit pas de danger la chose étant tout naturelle)  
j'ay voulu vous épargner le déplaisir que vous  
auroit naturellement coûté d'être instruit des maux  
que le petit souffroit sachant bien combien les  
parents sont plus facilement alarmés de loign  
plus que moy qui les voit tous les jours et accoutume  
à leurs peines. Sachez donc monsieur que  
depuis deux jours il dort et mange bien et a  
repris son bon naturel je ne puis pas  
me trop louer de la nourrice elle est soigneuse et  
a toutes les tendres qu'elle pouvoit à voir possible  
mont si l'enfant étoit à elle j'ay lui fait  
sçavoir que vous estiez informé de son mérite et l'ass-  
suré qu'elle sera bien récompensée comme j'ay toujours par  
votre dernière que ma silence plus long qu'à  
l'ordinaire vous a donné de la peine je ne



"Monsieur"

Monsieur Stewart

Gentilhomme Ecossais

a Reims en Champagne



Paris Septemb<sup>r</sup> 18 ieme 1749

mon sieur

J'ay reçue l'honneur de la votre du  
dixieme Courant et selon votre desir ayant  
Examine et bien Consideré L'estat de La Sante  
du votre cher Enfant au si bien que celle de  
la nourrice J'ay trouvois apropos de Severer  
l'enfant il ne faut pas vous etonner s'il a  
ete un peu incomode. Sur le changement du  
diete c'est a quoy je m'attendois. il a eu une  
petite espee de fievre. que n'a dure que trois  
jours a present il mange et dort bien. J'ay  
lui ay fait prendre de la Ruebarb ce qui a eu  
le mellieur effect imaginable. et selon toute  
aparence. il est a present hors du danger  
des tout suit De Le apeverment J'ay toujours  
trouve la nourrice si soigneuse que J'ay juge  
apropos de continuer. l'Enfant entre vos mains  
seachant que personne ne peut avoir une plus  
tendre soie. Je suis tres persuadee que vous  
serez tres Satisfait en le voyant. ce que vous nous  
fait esperer sera bientot. en attendant



a Mowieur

Mowieur Stewart

Gentilhomme Ecoquois

a Rheims en Champagne



Paris Octb 4<sup>em</sup> 1749

Monsieur

J'ay bien de plaisir de vous apprendre que  
monieur votre fil depuis la dernier donts  
qu'il a pousse qui lui avoit cause tant  
de douleur a repri del la force tellem<sup>t</sup>  
que l'on ni le reconnoitrait pas Enfin pour  
tout dire il est a presnt autant avance qu  
il est possible de voir un Enfant de son age  
vous serez bien agreablement surpris in le  
voyent il marche it rien ne lui mang  
la langue le soins de la nourice ne  
J'ammais etre trop recompense J'ay l'honneur  
monieur d'etre Respectueusement

vosre tres humble  
et tres obeissant servitude  
Par La Mart



a monsieur

Monsieur le Coll<sup>le</sup>: Steward

a L'ordre



Paris le 9<sup>e</sup> June 1752

Monsieur J'ay recu la ooke il y a quilque temps  
par la quelle Je suis bien aise d'apprendre  
que les freres Jumaux dont J'avois le bon  
heur d'heureusement auoucher Madam votre  
chere Epouse le 10<sup>e</sup> June Juillet 1748 se portent bien,  
car tout le Cadet, Hollo Thomas pour qui il y avoit  
tant a Craindre etoit venue au monde si foible,  
que J'etois obligé de fuir aussi La, ~~de la~~ ~~de la~~  
fonction du Christ de crainte qu'il auroit parti pour  
L'autre monde sans cette Ceremonie siessentielle  
Je vous prie de vouloir fair mes tres humble  
Compliments a madame Stewart votre tres chere  
Epouse et a Mademoyselle Huitte mon assistente,  
et d'etre persuade Monsieur que J'ay l'honneur  
d'etre

vosre tres humble

Et tres obeissant serviteur

Pier La Mar

P.S. Depuis votre départ, J'ay fait le tour d'italy et  
une Sejour du dix Jours a Naples, qui m'a fait  
beaucoup de biens. au poitrin et J'ay trouvois  
L'air Sulphureux de Naples si balsamique en



me soulagent Le poëte que je suis determine  
d'y retourner bientot Je n'attends que l'occasion  
favorable d'y ~~aller~~ trouver un amy pour  
m'accompagner dans le voyage

Cette lettre vous sera livrèe par Monsieur  
de Bois mon amy intime qui vas  
s'etablir a Londres pour peindre en  
miniature Si vous pouvez lui aider  
a trouver d'emplois. vous me ferez  
Monsieur une plaisir sensible